Red Slough Bird Surveys 2016

Red Slough Bird Survey - December 27, 2016

It was partly cloudy, warm, and a little windy on the bird survey today. 76 species were found. The Common Ground-Dove is still around and is hanging out with 3 Inca Doves near the southern end of Red Slough Road. Purple Finches are feeding on ash seeds along Red Slough road. Here is my list for today:

Snow Goose - 1

Gadwall – 592

American Wigeon - 9

Mallard – 748

Northern Shoveler – 210

Northern Pintail – 33

Green-winged Teal – 194

Canvasback - 51

Ring-necked Duck – 2292

Hooded Merganser – 12

Ruddy Duck – 9

Pied-billed Grebe – 7

Double-crested Cormorant - 24

Great-blue Heron – 5

Great Egret – 2

Black Vulture - 22

Turkey Vulture – 31

Northern Harrier – 2

Cooper's Hawk – 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 3

Red-tailed Hawk – 4

Merlin – 1

King Rail – 1 (answered callback)

Virginia Rail - 5

American Coot – 470

Killdeer – 23

Greater Yellowlegs – 2

Least Sandpiper - 17

Eurasian Collared-Dove – 2

Mourning Dove – 55

Inca Dove – 3

Common Ground-Dove - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Northern Flicker – 9

Pileated Woodpecker - 3

Eastern Phoebe – 9

Blue Jay - 5

American Crow – 35

Fish Crow – 10

Carolina Chickadee – 6

Tufted Titmouse - 3

White-breasted Nuthatch - 1

Carolina Wren - 5

Bewick's Wren - 1

House Wren - 1

Winter Wren - 1

Sedge Wren – 4

Marsh Wren - 6

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6

Eastern Bluebird - 14

American Robin - 9

Northern Mockingbird - 3

Brown Thrasher – 1

European Starling - 2

American Pipit – 4

Cedar Waxwing - 80

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4

Common Yellowthroat – 4

Eastern Towhee - 3

Savannah Sparrow – 10

Fox Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 11

Swamp Sparrow – 5

White-throated Sparrow – 12

White-crowned Sparrow – 9

Dark-eyed Junco - 3

Northern Cardinal - 18

Red-winged Blackbird - 1880

Eastern Meadowlark – 1

Rusty Blackbird - 3

Common Grackle - 1060

Purple Finch - 5

American Goldfinch – 19

Other sightings:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Variegated Meadowhawk Cloudless Sulphur Orange/Clouded Sulphur (white form)

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - December 20, 2016

It was partly cloudy and cold on the survey today. Ford Hendershot joined me for the later part of the survey. 77 species were found. Highlights included a Common Ground-Dove hanging out with 2 Inca Doves (This is the same bird that Ford found last Sunday), a Gray Catbird that is wintering in a Wax Myrtle thicket which is the same location we had one two winters ago, an adult Golden Eagle sitting on the ground feeding on a coot, and two very late White Ibis. I hope these birds are still around for the CBC on Thursday. Here is today's list:

Canada Goose - 20 Wood Duck - 1 Gadwall - 320 Mallard – 883 Northern Shoveler – 51 Northern Pintail – 122 Green-winged Teal - 1815 Canvasback - 46 Greater Scaup - 1 Ring-necked Duck - 1510 Hooded Merganser - 8 Ruddy Duck - 11 Pied-billed Grebe – 12 Double-crested Cormorant - 5 Great-blue Heron – 7 Great Egret – 1 White Ibis - 2 juveniles Black Vulture - 1 Turkey Vulture – 18 Bald Eagle - 4 Northern Harrier – 2 Cooper's Hawk - 2 Red-tailed Hawk - 7 Golden Eagle - 1 adult American Kestrel - 1 Virginia Rail - 2 American Coot - 586 Killdeer – 7 Greater Yellowlegs – 14 Wilson's Snipe – 4 Rock Pigeon - 6 Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2 Mourning Dove – 4 Inca Dove – 2 Common Ground-Dove - 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2 Downy Woodpecker - 8 Hairy Woodpecker - 2 Northern Flicker – 15 Eastern Phoebe – 16 Blue Jay - 9

American Crow – 24 Fish Crow – 2 Carolina Chickadee - 4

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren – 1

House Wren - 1

Winter Wren - 3

Sedge Wren – 4

Marsh Wren – 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 4

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3

Eastern Bluebird - 6

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin – 1

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Brown Thrasher - 1

American Pipit – 53

Cedar Waxwing - 11

Orange-crowned Warbler - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 16

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee - 2

Savannah Sparrow – 10

Fox Sparrow - 5

Song Sparrow – 12

Swamp Sparrow - 7

White-throated Sparrow – 3

White-crowned Sparrow – 3

Northern Cardinal – 14

Red-winged Blackbird – 105

Eastern Meadowlark – 1

Rusty Blackbird - 44

Common Grackle - 2

American Goldfinch – 2

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - December 13, 2016

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 76 species. It started off overcast and cool but turned partly cloudy and warmer (60 degrees) with some wind in the afternoon. Yesterday a hunter alerted us that there were 3 swans in unit 27A south. I called Ford Hendershot and he came down and we studied them and took pics. We identified them as 1 first summer (according to Sibley's guide) Trumpeter Swan and 2 juvenile Tundra Swans. I sent the pics off to numerous people in the know and from the replies back so far it looks like our I.D.'s are correct. Well the birds were still present this morning so I got them on the count, but by afternoon they were gone. Guess they didn't like all the shooting going on around them. Yesterday they were literally sitting on the water between two parties of hunters. I'm glad no one made the mistake of shooting them as we had a Trumpeter shot and killed a few years

ago. Also had another interesting encounter today. I was walking down the north levee of Pintail lake when I heard a very loud flushing noise. I turned around to see a flock of 15 Wild Turkeys flushing up from the woods beside the levee and they flew a half mile across Pintail Lake to a patch of woods on the west side of the lake. Here is my list for today:

Tundra Swan – 2 juveniles

Trumpeter Swan – 1 (first summer plumaged bird.)

Wood Duck – 27

Gadwall - 790

American Wigeon - 1

Mallard – 743

Northern Shoveler – 52

Northern Pintail – 12

Green-winged Teal - 16

Canvasback - 11

Ring-necked Duck – 1593

Hooded Merganser – 8

Ruddy Duck – 2

Wild Turkey - 15

Pied-billed Grebe – 12

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 2

Black Vulture - 9

Turkey Vulture – 22

Northern Harrier – 8

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 3

Red-tailed Hawk - 8

Virginia Rail - 1

American Coot - 382

Killdeer – 20

Greater Yellowlegs - 31

Least Sandpiper – 1

Wilson's Snipe - 19

Mourning Dove - 15

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 5

Downy Woodpecker - 5

Hairy Woodpecker - 3

Northern Flicker - 9

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 9

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 7

American Crow - 15

Fish Crow – 6

Carolina Chickadee - 6

Tufted Titmouse - 7

Carolina Wren - 8

House Wren - 1

Winter Wren - 3

Sedge Wren – 1

Marsh Wren - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4

Eastern Bluebird - 6

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin – 7

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Brown Thrasher - 3

American Pipit – 3

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 7

Common Yellowthroat – 3

Spotted Towhee - 2

Eastern Towhee – 5

Savannah Sparrow – 5

LeConte's Sparrow - 3

Fox Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 12

Swamp Sparrow – 5

White-throated Sparrow - 4

White-crowned Sparrow - 1

Dark-eyed Junco - 1

Northern Cardinal – 6

Red-winged Blackbird - 465

Eastern Meadowlark – 1

Western Meadowlark - 1

Rusty Blackbird - 14

Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

American Goldfinch - 7

Odonates:

Variegated Meadowhawk – lots still flying.

Other sightings:

American Alligator River Otter – 1 Mink - 2

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - December 6, 2016

It was heavy overcast, cold, and windy on the bird survey today. 62 species were found. One Neotropic Cormorant still lingering. All ibis are apparently gone. Was neat to find 5 Purple Finches and I thought I heard a siskin again. Here is my list for today:

Snow Goose - 10

Wood Duck - 18

Gadwall - 326

American Wigeon - 35

Mallard - 1332

Northern Shoveler – 111

Northern Pintail – 53

Green-winged Teal – 173

Canvasback - 10

Ring-necked Duck - 1426

Lesser Scaup - 6

Hooded Merganser – 3

Ruddy Duck - 7

Pied-billed Grebe – 10

Neotropic Cormorant – 1 imm.

Double-crested Cormorant - 19

Great-blue Heron – 7

Great Egret – 4

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture - 31

Bald Eagle – 2 adults

Northern Harrier – 4

Red-tailed Hawk - 5

American Coot - 505

Killdeer – 4

Greater Yellowlegs – 9

Mourning Dove - 128

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker - 14

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 9

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 61

Fish Crow - 2

Carolina Wren – 4

House Wren - 2

Winter Wren - 1

Sedge Wren – 6

Marsh Wren - 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4

Eastern Bluebird – 1

Brown Thrasher - 3

American Pipit – 12

Cedar Waxwing - 15

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 1
Eastern Towhee – 5
Savannah Sparrow – 1
Fox Sparrow – 5
Song Sparrow – 20
Swamp Sparrow – 7
White-throated Sparrow – 16
Northern Cardinal – 9
Red-winged Blackbird – 100
Eastern Meadowlark - 1
Purple Finch - 5
American Goldfinch – 5

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Canada Goose - 40

Red Slough Bird Survey - November 30, 2016

The day started off cold and cloudy with a light wind and turned sunny, windy, and a little warmer by afternoon. 74 species were found. Passerines were hard to come by in the wind today. The White Ibis' found today were a new late date for Red Slough. One Neotropic Cormorant is still lingering. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 56 Gadwall – 1030 American Wigeon - 14 Mallard - 439 Northern Shoveler – 114 Northern Pintail – 125 Green-winged Teal – 136 Ring-necked Duck – 1012 Bufflehead - 1 male Hooded Merganser - 7 Ruddy Duck – 5 Pied-billed Grebe – 16 Neotropic Cormorant – 1 imm. Double-crested Cormorant - 40 Great-blue Heron – 8 Great Egret – 12 White Ibis - 10 Black Vulture - 15 Turkey Vulture – 105 Bald Eagle – 1 adult Northern Harrier – 4 Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1 Cooper's Hawk - 1 Red-tailed Hawk - 9

Virginia Rail - 3

American Coot - 428

Killdeer – 10

Greater Yellowlegs – 1

Bonaparte's Gull – 3

Ring-billed Gull – 1

Rock Pigeon - 1

Belted Kingfisher – 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 7

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Phoebe – 16

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 300

Fish Crow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 3

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 1

House Wren - 1

Winter Wren - 2

Sedge Wren - 1

Marsh Wren - 3

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 2

Eastern Bluebird - 10

American Robin – 22

American Pipit – 19

Cedar Waxwing - 6

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 6

Pine Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 7

Fox Sparrow - 9

Song Sparrow – 11

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Swamp Sparrow – 6

White-throated Sparrow – 17

White-crowned Sparrow - 10

Dark-eyed Junco - 5

Northern Cardinal – 10

Red-winged Blackbird – 145

Rusty Blackbird - 2

Common Grackle - 57

Purple Finch - 1

American Goldfinch - 9

Odonates:

Variegated Meadowhawk Wandering Glider

Herps:

Red-eared Slider Missouri River Cooter

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - November 22, 2016

It was overcast, cool, with a little rain on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. Duck numbers have really increased with this last cold front. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 68

Gadwall – 1625

American Wigeon - 11

Mallard – 553

Northern Shoveler – 25

Northern Pintail – 14

Green-winged Teal – 112

Ring-necked Duck – 865

Hooded Merganser - 4

Ruddy Duck - 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 23

Horned Grebe - 1

Neotropic Cormorant – 2 imm.

Double-crested Cormorant – 4

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 12

White Ibis – 35

"Plegadis" Ibis – 1

Turkey Vulture – 10

Bald Eagle – 2 adults

Northern Harrier – 3

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 2

Virginia Rail – 1

American Coot – 445

Killdeer – 28

Greater Yellowlegs – 4

Least Sandpiper – 7

Long-billed Dowitcher - 3

Wilson's Snipe - 240

Mourning Dove – 2

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 7

Belted Kingfisher – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker – 3

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 9

Eastern Phoebe – 10

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 11

Fish Crow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 5

Brown Creeper - 2

Carolina Wren - 3

House Wren – 6

Sedge Wren – 3

Marsh Wren - 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 8

Hermit Thrush - 1

American Robin - 46

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Brown Thrasher – 1

American Pipit - 50

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 17

Common Yellowthroat – 2

Eastern Towhee – 2

Savannah Sparrow – 4

Fox Sparrow - 4

Song Sparrow – 16

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Swamp Sparrow – 8

White-throated Sparrow – 16

White-crowned Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 7

Red-winged Blackbird – 61

Rusty Blackbird - 20

American Goldfinch - 3

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - November 8, 2016

It was overcast, cool, and a little windy on the survey today. 79 species were found. Amazingly, just four days short of our late date for Black-bellied Whistling Ducks at Red Slough, I encountered a pair with a brood of four half grown young. They will obviously be around for a few more weeks. Fortunately they are in the waterfowl refuge area where they are

supposedly safe from hunters. It was nice to find a Purple Finch today also, and I'm fairly sure I heard a siskin too. Ibis', Neotropic Cormorants, and Common Gallinules still lingering. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 3 adults (half grown brood of 4 young with two of the adults.)

Wood Duck – 51

Gadwall - 420

American Wigeon - 2

Mallard - 28

Blue-winged Teal - 1

Northern Shoveler – 55

Northern Pintail – 1

Green-winged Teal – 35

Ring-necked Duck - 139

Hooded Merganser – 2 males

Ruddy Duck – 11

Pied-billed Grebe - 28

Neotropic Cormorant – 2 imm.

Double-crested Cormorant - 33

Great-blue Heron – 8

Great Egret – 117

Little-blue Heron – 1

Cattle Egret – 80

White Ibis – 85

"Plegadis" Ibis - 16

Black Vulture - 2

Turkey Vulture – 21

Northern Harrier – 3

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 4

Virginia Rail – 1

Common Gallinule – 6

American Coot – 473

Killdeer – 72

Greater Yellowlegs – 6

Lesser Yellowlegs – 2

Least Sandpiper – 13

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1

Wilson's Snipe – 218

Mourning Dove – 30

Great-horned Owl - 1

Belted Kingfisher – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker – 10

Pileated Woodpecker – 3

Eastern Phoebe – 12

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 118

Fish Crow - 3

Carolina Chickadee – 7

Tufted Titmouse – 1

Brown Creeper - 2

Carolina Wren - 6

House Wren – 3

Winter Wren - 2

Sedge Wren – 3

Marsh Wren - 3

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 4

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 7

Eastern Bluebird - 4

American Robin - 377

Brown Thrasher – 2

Cedar Waxwing – 13

Orange-crowned Warbler - 3

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 42

Common Yellowthroat – 3

Eastern Towhee – 2

Field Sparrow - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 1

Fox Sparrow - 2

Song Sparrow - 13

Swamp Sparrow – 14

White-throated Sparrow - 8

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal – 5

Red-winged Blackbird - 390

Eastern Meadowlark – 2

Purple Finch - 1

American Goldfinch - 19

Odonates:

Common Green Darner Eastern Pondhawk Blue-faced Meadowhawk Variegated Meadowhawk

Herps:

American Alligator

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, A

Red Slough Bird Survey - November 1, 2016

It was mostly cloudy, warm, and windy on the bird survey today. 79 species were found. Most of the waterfowl from last week have moved on. I arrived at first light and surveyed the rookery on Pintail Lake first getting good numbers of ibis and egrets for this late in the year. Still a few gallinules lingering as well as Neotropic Cormorants. Duck season starts this weekend which will change everything. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 82

Gadwall – 170

American Wigeon - 2

Mallard - 31

Blue-winged Teal – 86

Northern Shoveler – 134

Northern Pintail – 26

Green-winged Teal – 639

Ring-necked Duck – 71

Ruddy Duck - 4

Pied-billed Grebe - 48

Neotropic Cormorant – 3 imm.

Double-crested Cormorant – 17

Great-blue Heron – 20

Great Egret – 66

Snowy Egret – 16

Little-blue Heron – 1

Cattle Egret – 60

Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1

White Ibis – 107

"Plegadis" Ibis – 21

Black Vulture - 41

Turkey Vulture – 18

Northern Harrier – 2

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

Red-tailed Hawk – 2

Small falcon species - 1

Virginia Rail – 1

Purple Gallinule – 1 juv.

Common Gallinule – 3

American Coot – 622

Killdeer – 26

Greater Yellowlegs – 5

Lesser Yellowlegs – 5

Least Sandpiper – 36

Pectoral Sandpiper - 1

Stilt Sandpiper – 2

Long-billed Dowitcher – 42

Wilson's Snipe – 57

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 3

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 10

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Eastern Phoebe – 14

Blue Jay - 6

American Crow - 131

Carolina Chickadee – 7

Tufted Titmouse – 5

Carolina Wren – 5

Bewick's Wren - 1

House Wren – 4

Sedge Wren – 2

Marsh Wren - 3

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin - 125

Brown Thrasher - 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 2

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee – 1 (also 1 hybrid towhee)

Vesper Sparrow - 2

Savannah Sparrow - 7

LeConte's Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow - 7

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Swamp Sparrow – 10

White-throated Sparrow - 2

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal – 6

Red-winged Blackbird – 1620

Eastern Meadowlark – 4

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Familiar Bluet

Orange Bluet

Eastern Pondhawk

Blue Dasher

Eastern Amberwing

Blue-faced Meadowhawk

Variegated Meadowhawk

Wandering Glider

Striped Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator

Also:

White-tipped Black Moth - ~12

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - October 25, 2016

It was partly cloudy, warm, and calm on the bird survey today. 83 species were found. We are suddenly covered up in wintering birds. Lots of sparrows and ducks. A few migrants still passing through. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 11

Gadwall - 500

American Wigeon - 41

Mallard – 1

Blue-winged Teal - 500

Northern Shoveler – 72

Northern Pintail – 22

Green-winged Teal – 411

Ring-necked Duck – 84

Redhead - 4

Ruddy Duck - 2

Pied-billed Grebe - 39

Neotropic Cormorant – 3 imm.

Double-crested Cormorant - 17

Great-blue Heron - 9

Great Egret – 14

Snowy Egret – 6

Little-blue Heron – 1

Cattle Egret – 4

White Ibis - 26

"Plegadis" Ibis - 7

Black Vulture - 21

Turkey Vulture – 14

Northern Harrier – 2

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

Peregrine Falcon – 1 adult

Common Gallinule – 2

American Coot – 675

Killdeer - 39

Greater Yellowlegs - 21

Lesser Yellowlegs - 5

Least Sandpiper - 48

Stilt Sandpiper - 8

Long-billed Dowitcher – 59

Wilson's Snipe - 39

Mourning Dove – 2

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 5

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 9

Pileated Woodpecker – 3

Eastern Phoebe - 11

Blue-headed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 8

American Crow - 30

Fish Crow - 3

Barn Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 3

Tufted Titmouse – 2

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 7

House Wren – 5

Sedge Wren – 4

Marsh Wren - 4

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 7

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin - 32

Brown Thrasher - 6

Orange-crowned Warbler – 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4

Black-throated Green Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 1

"Rufous-sided" Towhee (probable hybrid) - 1

Field Sparrow - 1

Grasshopper Sparrow - 1

Vesper Sparrow - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 9

Lincoln's Sparrow - 2

Swamp Sparrow - 31

White-throated Sparrow - 11

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal - 7

Red-winged Blackbird – 187

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner
Halloween Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Dasher
Eastern Amberwing
Wandering Glider
Striped Saddlebags - several
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Southern Leopard Frog Bullfrog

<u>Also:</u>

Bobcat

White-tipped Black Moth - several

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - October 18, 2016

Jim Deming, Mark Peterson, and I surveyed birds at Red Slough today and found 74 species. It was partly cloudy, warm, and windy. Well finally a Roseate Spoonbill showed up, and an Anhinga and a Purple Gallinule were seen for the first time in about a month. Unit 44 is the hotspot right now with good mudflat habitat attracting lots of waterfowl, ibis, and shorebirds plus the spoonbill. Here is our list for today:

Wood Duck – 49
Gadwall – 28
American Wigeon - 45
Mallard – 1
Blue-winged Teal – 245
Northern Shoveler – 30
Northern Pintail – 19
Green-winged Teal – 18
Ring-necked Duck - 2
Pied-billed Grebe - 36
Neotropic Cormorant – 4 imm.
Double-crested Cormorant – 9
Anhinga – 1
American Bittern - 1
Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 13

Snowy Egret – 20

Little-blue Heron – 22

Cattle Egret - 3

Black-crowned Night-Heron – 1 adult

White Ibis – 25

"Plegadis" Ibis - 23

Roseate Spoonbill – 1 (2nd yr. bird)

Black Vulture - 21

Turkey Vulture – 72

Northern Harrier - 1

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Cooper's Hawk - 3

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 1 adult

Common Gallinule – 5

American Coot - 385

Killdeer – 6

American Avocet - 1

Greater Yellowlegs – 16

Lesser Yellowlegs – 5

Least Sandpiper - 100

Pectoral Sandpiper – 1

Stilt Sandpiper - 4

Long-billed Dowitcher - 31

Wilson's Snipe – 50

Mourning Dove – 2

Barred Owl - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 8

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 9

Blue Jay - 11

American Crow – 39

Tree Swallow - 8

Barn Swallow - 7

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse – 5

Carolina Wren - 5

House Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 8

Eastern Bluebird - 2

Hermit Thrush - 1

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Brown Thrasher – 4
Orange-crowned Warbler - 2
Pine Warbler – 2
Savannah Sparrow – 1
Swamp Sparrow - 4
Northern Cardinal – 10
Red-winged Blackbird – 6
House Finch - 1

Odonates:

Spreadwing species Common Green Darner Four-spotted Pennant Wandering Glider Striped Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator

<u>Also:</u>

White-tipped Black Moth

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - October 11, 2016

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 69 species. It started off clear, mild, and calm with lots of birds but by noon it was warm, partly cloudy, and windy with few birds. Had a good variety of migrants early on. Here is our list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 1 imm.

Wood Duck – 55
Mallard – 5
Blue-winged Teal – 294
Northern Shoveler – 5
Northern Pintail – 5
Green-winged Teal – 4
Ring-necked Duck - 2
Pied-billed Grebe - 61

Neotropic Cormorant – 4 imm.
Double-crested Cormorant - 1
Great-blue Heron – 7

Great Egret – 14

Snowy Egret – 5

Little-blue Heron – 6

Cattle Egret – 6

White Ibis - 15

White-faced Ibis – 1 (red eye)

"Plegadis" Ibis - 17

Black Vulture - 21

Turkey Vulture – 12

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

American Kestrel - 1

Common Gallinule – 8

American Coot - 312

Killdeer - 23

Greater Yellowlegs – 5

Lesser Yellowlegs – 8

Least Sandpiper – 59

Pectoral Sandpiper – 3

Stilt Sandpiper – 2

Long-billed Dowitcher – 30

Wilson's Snipe - 49

Eastern Screech-Owl - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker – 11

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 9

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

White-eyed Vireo – 2

Blue-headed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay - 15

American Crow - 33

Barn Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 14

Tufted Titmouse – 6

Carolina Wren - 7

House Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 3

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 11

Eastern Bluebird - 2

Gray Catbird - 6

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Brown Thrasher - 10

Tennessee Warbler - 1

Nashville Warbler – 4

Northern Parula – 1

Magnolia Warbler - 1

Black-throated Green Warbler - 3
Pine Warbler - 3
Eastern Towhee - 1
Northern Cardinal - 12
Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1 imm. male
Indigo Bunting - 1
Red-winged Blackbird - 22

Odonates:

Southern Spreadwing
Fragile Forktail
Common Green Darner
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Dasher
Hyacinth Glider
Wandering Glider
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Western Cottonmouth Green Treefrog Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - October 4, 2016

It was mostly clear, warm, and a bit windy today on the survey. 61 species were found. Migrants still on the move. Winter residents are arriving. Our first bird this morning at the north parking area was a Red-breasted Nuthatch. Must be an invasion year for them as I had one in my backyard this past weekend. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck – 24
Gadwall - 2
Mallard – 22
Blue-winged Teal – 255
Northern Shoveler – 2
Pied-billed Grebe - 48
Neotropic Cormorant – 4
Double-crested Cormorant - 2
Great-blue Heron – 8
Great Egret – 14

Snowy Egret – 7

Little-blue Heron – 19

Cattle Egret - 149

Green Heron – 2

White Ibis – 74

"Plegadis" Ibis - 8

Black Vulture - 10

Turkey Vulture – 28

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 2

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

American Kestrel – 3

Common Gallinule – 4

American Coot – 116

Greater Yellowlegs – 1

Forster's Tern - 1

Rock Pigeon - 1

Mourning Dove – 3

Chimney Swift - 7

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 3

Northern Flicker - 8

Pileated Woodpecker - 5

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 8

Blue Jay - 18

American Crow - 7

Tree Swallow - 2

Barn Swallow - 2

Carolina Chickadee – 7

Tufted Titmouse – 9

Red-breasted Nuthatch - 1

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 5

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 4

Eastern Bluebird - 3

Gray Catbird - 1

Brown Thrasher - 11

Nashville Warbler - 1

Northern Parula – 3

Yellow-throated Warbler - 2

Pine Warbler – 6

Black-and-White Warbler - 1

American Redstart - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 2

Northern Cardinal – 6

Indigo Bunting - 4

Red-winged Blackbird – 4

Eastern Meadowlark - 2

Odonates:

Forktail species
Common Green Darner
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Dasher
Wandering Glider
Black Saddlebags
"red" Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Softshell Turtle species Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - September 27, 2016

It was partly cloudy and much cooler today. A cold front came through yesterday and really changed things. Migrants everywhere today. 65 species were found. We are suddenly covered in coots and Pied-billed Grebes. Looks like the Purple Gallinules are all gone early this year. Saw one yesterday but could not find any today. A few warblers around including one unexpected surprise. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 31 Mallard – 1 Blue-winged Teal - 197 Northern Shoveler – 2 Hooded Merganser – 1 (HY bird) Pied-billed Grebe - 142 **Neotropic Cormorant - 3** Great-blue Heron – 9 Great Egret – 4 Snowy Egret – 22 Little-blue Heron – 25 Cattle Egret – 7 Green Heron – 2 Black-crowned Night-Heron - 1 adult White Ibis – 19 White-faced Ibis – 1 (red eye) "Plegadis" species - 26 Black Vulture - 4

Turkey Vulture – 14

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Swainson's Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

American Kestrel - 1

Merlin - 1

Common Gallinule – 26

American Coot – 196

Killdeer – 11

Solitary Sandpiper – 1

Least Sandpiper - 22

Long-billed Dowitcher - 1

Wilson's Snipe - 1

Rock Pigeon - 4

Mourning Dove – 3

Chimney Swift - 10

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 12

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 3

White-eyed Vireo – 8 (still singing)

Blue-headed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 8

American Crow - 20

Barn Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse - 3

Carolina Wren – 9

Marsh Wren - 4

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Gray Catbird - 6

Brown Thrasher - 14

Nashville Warbler – 3

Northern Parula – 2

"Brewster's" Warbler (backcross) - 1

American Redstart - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 5

Wilson's Warbler – 1

Summer Tanager - 2

Northern Cardinal - 6

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1

Indigo Bunting - 6

Red-winged Blackbird - 5

Odonates:

Southern Spreadwing
Citrine Forktail
Common Green Darner
Halloween Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Eastern Amberwing
Blue Dasher
Wandering Glider
Striped Saddlebags
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Softshell Turtle species Eastern Box Turtle Orange-striped Ribbon Snake Rough Green Snake Leopard Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - September 20, 2016

It was partly cloudy, and miserably hot on the survey today. Very unusual weather for this time of year. This whole month as been unusually hot and wet. 45 species were found. Most of our summer birds are leaving early and very few migrants are coming through. No swallows were found. Heres my list for today:

Wood Duck - 110
Blue-winged Teal – 100
Northern Shoveler - 5
Pied-billed Grebe - 50
Neotropic Cormorant – 3
Double-crested Cormorant - 1
Great-blue Heron – 7
Great Egret – 12
Snowy Egret – 4
Little-blue Heron – 41
Cattle Egret – 110
Green Heron – 1
White Ibis – 10
Turkey Vulture – 20

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Merlin – 1 imm.

Purple Gallinule - 2

Common Gallinule – 34

American Coot – 18

Killdeer – 2

Rock Pigeon - 6

Mourning Dove - 5

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 4

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 3

Hairy Woodpecker – 2

Northern Flicker – 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 3

Eastern Phoebe - 1

White-eyed Vireo – 11 (many still singing)

Yellow-throated Vireo – 2 (one still singing)

Blue Jay - 11

American Crow - 10

Carolina Chickadee - 3

Tufted Titmouse - 4

Carolina Wren - 10

Brown Thrasher – 1

European Starling - 3

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Wilson's Warbler - 1 adult male

Hooded Warbler - 1 adult male

Summer Tanager – 3

Northern Cardinal - 8

Indigo Bunting – 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner

Eastern Pondhawk

Twelve-spotted Skimmer

Eastern Amberwing

Blue Dasher

Wandering Glider

Black Saddlebags

"Red/Carolina" Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Little Brown skink

Southern Leopard Frog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - September 14, 2016

It was partly cloudy and hot on the survey today. 51 species were found. Things are still very slow. The biggest highlight of the day was running into a large flock of mixed swallows sitting on power lines from which I was able to scope and find numerous Cave Swallows, many of which were in adult plumage. There were probably more Caves in the group but about half the birds were in the air flying around at any given time and they kept switching places on the wires so it was hard to get an exact count, but I was able to see 14 Caves at one time on the wires. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 41 Mallard – 1 Blue-winged Teal – 104

Pied-billed Grebe - 34

Neotropic Cormorant - 3

Anhinga – 1

Great-blue Heron - 15

Great Egret – 3

Snowy Egret – 2

Little-blue Heron - 25

Cattle Egret – 145

Green Heron – 1

White Ibis – 6

"dark" Ibis (Plegadis sp.) - 1

Black Vulture - 2

Turkey Vulture - 89

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Purple Gallinule - 3

Common Gallinule – 35

American Coot – 13

Killdeer - 1

Mourning Dove - 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 5

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Least Flycatcher – 1

Eastern Phoebe - 2

White-eyed Vireo – 17 (many still singing)

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1 (still singing)

Blue Jay - 6

American Crow - 20

Tree Swallow - 30

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2

Cliff Swallow – 7

Cave Swallow – 14 (including numerous adult plumaged birds.)

Barn Swallow - 2

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse - 4

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Brown Thrasher - 1

European Starling - 6

Common Yellowthroat - 2

Summer Tanager - 6

Northern Cardinal - 9

Indigo Bunting - 3

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Common Green Darner
Halloween Pennant
Four-spotted Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Twelve-spotted Skimmer
Eastern Amberwing
Blue Dasher
Wandering Glider
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - September 6, 2016

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey yesterday. 50 species were found. It was even worse than last week for surveying. Birds were very quiet and scarce. Be glad when the cold front comes in next week and brings some migrants. Here is my list for yesterday:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 3

Wood Duck - 89

Mallard – 8

Blue-winged Teal - 32

Pied-billed Grebe - 29

Neotropic Cormorant - 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 9

Great-blue Heron – 8

Great Egret – 8

Snowy Egret – 1

Little-blue Heron – 7

Cattle Egret – 475

Green Heron – 5

White Ibis – 21

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture - 15

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Purple Gallinule - 5

Common Gallinule – 40 adults & full sized juveniles (also several small young.)

American Coot – 10

Killdeer – 2

Rock Pigeon - 2

Mourning Dove - 7

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2

Belted Kingfisher – 1

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Alder Flycatcher - 1

Least Flycatcher - 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – 2

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

White-eyed Vireo - 11

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow – 13

Fish Crow – 1

Tree Swallow - 1

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 8

Cliff Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 3

Carolina Wren - 6

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 1

Eastern Towhee – 1

Northern Cardinal - 12

Indigo Bunting - 13

Painted Bunting - 2

Red-winged Blackbird – 10

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner

Halloween Pennant
Four-spotted Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Slaty Skimmer
Great-blue Skimmer
Twelve-spotted Skimmer
Eastern Amberwing
Blue Dasher
Wandering Glider
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Western Cottonmouth Little Brown Skink Leopard Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen

Red Slough Bird Survey - August 31st

It was partly cloudy and hot on the survey today. A very slow day for birds. 57 species were found. The only birds singing were White-eyed Vireos and Mourning Doves. A lot of common birds could not be found today such as Barn Swallows. Surprises were Red Slough's 4th record of Blue-winged Warbler and a family group of newly hatched Black-bellied Whistling Ducks. Managed to find a few shorebirds today feeding in rain puddles as there is too much water for them in our wetlands due to all the rain this month. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 4 adults (1 with brood of 15 newly hatched young.)

Wood Duck - 45

Mallard – 4

Blue-winged Teal – 76

Northern Pintail - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 25

Neotropic Cormorant - 6

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 11

Great-blue Heron - 15

Great Egret – 8

Snowy Egret - 1

Little-blue Heron – 16

Cattle Egret – 36

Green Heron – 2

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 1

White Ibis – 14

Turkey Vulture - 9

Mississippi Kite - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 2

Purple Gallinule - 3

Common Gallinule – 31 adults & full sized juveniles (also several small young.)

American Coot - 11

Killdeer – 7

Solitary Sandpiper - 2

Least Sandpiper - 2

Rock Pigeon - 4

Mourning Dove - 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 4

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Willow Flycatcher – 1

Least Flycatcher - 4

Eastern Kingbird – 5

White-eyed Vireo - 14

Bell's Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 11

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 1

Tufted Titmouse - 3

Carolina Wren - 8

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 2

Blue-winged Warbler - 1 adult male

Common Yellowthroat - 2

Yellow-breasted Chat - 4

Summer Tanager - 3

Eastern Towhee – 2

Northern Cardinal - 19

Indigo Bunting - 8

Painted Bunting - 2

Red-winged Blackbird – 6

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Blue Dasher

Spot-winged Glider

Striped Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Leopard Frog Bullfrog

Also: Bobcat & Nutria.

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - August 23rd

It was mild and overcast in the morning turning mostly sunny and hot and in the afternoon and windy all day. 70 species were found today. Passerines were tough today and I had to work hard to get what I did as they were mostly silent and the wind had them in deep cover. I was on the Pintail Lake observation platform this morning when I heard a Common Gallinule give an alarm call fairly close to me. I looked just in time to see a juvenile Cooper's Hawk flying across the levee and into a dense patch of American Lotus in Pintail Lake. He was followed by a very agitated adult Common Gallinule who went into the lotus after him after following the hawk across open water from the levee. I heard a lot of commotion and gallinules calling from the lotus patch. I figured the hawk had to have ended up in the water and probably had caught a gallinule chick. I waited for several minutes but the hawk never came out. So I started walking down the levee to get closer. Suddenly the hawk came swimming out of the Lotus into the edge of the open water followed closely by two adult gallinules. As I got closer the hawk suddenly flushed from the water as easily as a duck and flew off with empty talons. Apparently what I thought was a water logged hawk trying to make it to shore was really a hawk chasing after its prey on the swim. I knew they would run on the ground through brush chasing down prey but swimming after prey was a new one. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 19

Wood Duck - 21
Mallard – 9
Blue-winged Teal – 9
Northern Shoveler – 2
Northern Pintail - 1
Pied-billed Grebe - 21
Neotropic Cormorant - 2
Double-crested Cormorant - 1
Anhinga – 11
Great-blue Heron – 10
Great Egret – 24
Snowy Egret – 1
Little-blue Heron – 14
Cattle Egret – 136

Green Heron – 1

White Ibis - 49

Black Vulture - 10

Turkey Vulture - 48

Mississippi Kite – 7

Cooper's Hawk - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 3

Purple Gallinule - 4

Common Gallinule - 32 (also several broods.)

American Coot - 11

Killdeer - 1

Least Sandpiper - 1

Rock Pigeon - 4

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 3

Mourning Dove - 17

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 3

Chimney Swift - 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 10

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 5

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Alder Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

White-eyed Vireo - 7

Bell's Vireo – 3 (adult feeding fledglings.)

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 71

Purple Martin - 2

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 30

Bank Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 35

Barn Swallow - 3

Cave Swallow - 1 juvenile

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 11

Yellow Warbler - 2

Prothonotary Warbler - 2

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 2

Summer Tanager - 2

Eastern Towhee – 2

Lark Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal - 14

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 16

Painted Bunting - 1
Red-winged Blackbird – 4
Oriole species – 1 (juvenile in bad light at a distance.)
House Sparrow - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner Regal Darner Prince Baskettail Royal River Cruiser Halloween Pennant Four-spotted Pennant Eastern Pondhawk Slatv Skimmer Great-blue Skimmer Widow Skimmer Common Whitetail Blue Dasher Wandering Glider Spot-winged Glider Red/Carolina Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Mississippi Mud Turtle Western Cottonmouth Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad Blanchard's Cricket Frog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - August 16th

It was overcast & mild with sporadic light rain on the survey today. 69 species were found. We just received 4 inches of rain and it was too wet to drive the grass covered levees to a lot of the locations I usually visit. Had to stick to graveled roads and levees and walking in to certain areas. The extra rainfall we have received this summer has resulted in water levels in the wetland units to be still fairly deep which means we have no shorebird habitat this year and is undoubtedly why no storks or spoonbills have showed up yet, since they require drying up wetlands for feeding in. The first fall migrant ducks and warblers showed up today. Also had the opportunity to watch a family of Common Gallinules with 2 newly hatched chicks (their 2nd brood) and also 2 full-sized juveniles from their first brood. The adults as well as the juveniles helped with the feeding of the chicks. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 7

Wood Duck - 48

Mallard - 7

Blue-winged Teal – 3

Northern Shoveler - 2

Pied-billed Grebe - 29

Neotropic Cormorant - 12

Double-crested Cormorant - 3

Anhinga – 22

Great-blue Heron - 9

Great Egret – 22

Snowy Egret – 4

Little-blue Heron – 14

Cattle Egret – 181

Green Heron - 5

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 4

White Ibis – 80

Black Vulture - 18

Turkey Vulture - 10

Mississippi Kite - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 2

Purple Gallinule - 6

Common Gallinule - 37 (also 2 small chicks.)

American Coot – 9

Sandpiper species – 1 (heard briefly at a distance; either Spotted or Solitary)

Rock Pigeon - 6

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 3

Mourning Dove - 13

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 7

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 2

Alder Flycatcher - 3

Least Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 4

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Bell's Vireo – 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 13

Purple Martin - 1

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Bank Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 43

Barn Swallow - 10

Cave Swallow - 2 juveniles

Carolina Chickadee - 3

Tufted Titmouse - 2

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 4

Gray Catbird – 1

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Yellow Warbler - 2

Prothonotary Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 2

Yellow-breasted Chat - 1

Summer Tanager - 2

Eastern Towhee - 4

Northern Cardinal - 13

Blue Grosbeak - 1

Indigo Bunting - 17

Painted Bunting - 3

Dickcissel - 1

Red-winged Blackbird - 6

Odonates:

Common Green Darner
Prince Baskettail
Royal River Cruiser
Halloween Pennant
Four-spotted Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Slaty Skimmer
Widow Skimmer
Blue Dasher
Wandering Glider
Spot-winged Glider
Red/Carolina Saddlebags
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad Blanchard's Cricket Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - August 9th

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 63 species were found. A few migrants starting to pass through now. The Rough-leaf Dogwoods and Hercules-club trees have become

very popular with the Empids, buntings, cardinals, etc. who are gorging themselves on their berries. I had 3 Cave Swallows hanging out with Barn Swallows at the first bridge south of the north parking lot on Red Slough road. Huge numbers of Mississippi Kites can be seen aerial feeding together high in the sky over units 38 & 27a during the middle of the day now. They have been doing this for several weeks now and their numbers are growing. And I am amazed at the Towhees we have. I keep finding more and more of them everywhere I go at Red Slough this summer. Up until 3 summers ago, this species had never been found here in the summer. There numbers have been growing every year and now they are everywhere there is open scrub habitat and second growth. I'm seeing pairs together and last summer I had a family group. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 6

Wood Duck - 44 (also 2 broods seen.)

Mallard - 7

Pied-billed Grebe - 24

Neotropic Cormorant - 7

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 21

Turkey Vulture - 19

Mississippi Kite - 77

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 3

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 2 adults (also 2 small chicks.)

Common Gallinule - 37 (also several broods of small chicks.)

American Coot - 5

Mourning Dove - 11

Inca Dove - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 10

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 5

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Alder Flycatcher - 3

Least Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 3

Great-crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 6

White-eyed Vireo - 4

Bell's Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 16

Purple Martin - 1

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 28

Cave Swallow - 3 juveniles (including one individual in near adult plumage.)

Carolina Chickadee - 3

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 8

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Eastern Bluebird - 1
Prothonotary Warbler - 2
Common Yellowthroat - 1
Yellow-breasted Chat - 1
Eastern Towhee - 5
Field Sparrow - 1
Northern Cardinal - 10
Blue Grosbeak - 2
Indigo Bunting - 16
Painted Bunting - 2
Dickcissel - 3
Red-winged Blackbird - 3
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1
House Sparrow - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner Regal Darner Prince Baskettail Royal River Cruiser Halloween Pennant Four-spotted Pennant Eastern Pondhawk Slaty Skimmer Widow Skimmer Common Whitetail Blue Dasher Wandering Glider Spot-winged Glider **Striped Saddlebags** Carolina Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Green Treefrog Blanchard's Cricket Frog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - July 27th

It was partly cloudy and hot on most of the survey today but became overcast with light rain near the end of the survey. 61 species were found. Waiting for fall migration to start. Only one species today would be considered a migrant and that was the shrike. They leave RS in April but always show back up in mid-August. Today's bird was two weeks earlier than normal. They actually breed in the county just north of us in upland pastures. Unit 44 is slowly drying up and there is starting to get to be a nice concentration of waders feeding there including White Ibis and Yellow-crowned Night-Herons. This is the spot that Wood Storks and Spoonbills will probably first show up at when they arrive. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 3

Wood Duck – 58 (also 1 brood seen.)

Northern Bobwhite - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 29

Neotropic Cormorant – 11

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 24

Great-blue Heron - 10

Great Egret – 44

Snowy Egret - 37

Little-blue Heron - 40

Cattle Egret - 43

Green Heron – 3

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron – 10

White Ibis - 17

Black Vulture - 4

Turkey Vulture – 17

Mississippi Kite - 38

Purple Gallinule – 5

Common Gallinule - 18 (also 7 chicks.)

American Coot – 9

Least Tern - 1

Mourning Dove – 20

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 8

Northern Flicker – 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 1

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

White-eved Vireo - 6

Bell's Vireo - 2

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

American Crow - 10

Fish Crow - 2

Purple Martin - 3

Tree Swallow - 8

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 17

Cliff Swallow - 2

Barn Swallow - 42

Carolina Chickadee - 5

Tufted Titmouse - 2

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Gray Catbird – 4

Northern Mockingbird - 3

Common Yellowthroat - 8

Yellow-breasted Chat - 3

Summer Tanager - 2

Eastern Towhee - 4

Field Sparrow - 1

Lark Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 21

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 16

Painted Bunting - 6

Dickcissel - 12

Red-winged Blackbird - 25

Common Grackle - 1

House Sparrow - 6

Odonates:

Citrine Forktail

Common Green Darner

Swamp Darner

Cyrano Darner

Prince Baskettail

Flag-tailed Spinyleg

Two-striped Forceptail

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Common Whitetail

Blue Dasher

Eastern Amberwing

Wandering Glider

Spot-winged Glider

"red" Saddlebags species

Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Orange-striped Ribbon Snake Blanchard's Cricket Frog Bullfrog David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey – July 19th

It was partly cloudy and hot with a light breeze on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. Very few species still singing. 2 Black Terns in mostly breeding plumage were a surprise on Lotus Lake this morning. Its been probably 10 years or more since I saw this species at Red Slough this time of year. I ran into the forest service technician who was checking duck boxes and found out that we currently have 4 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks sitting on eggs now. Juvenile Neotropic Cormorants and Anhingas are all over the place now that most of them have fledged. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 5

Wood Duck – 56 (also 2 broods seen.)

Mallard - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 1

Neotropic Cormorant – 7

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 25

American Bittern - 1

Great-blue Heron - 18

Great Egret – 39

Snowy Egret - 19

Little-blue Heron - 12

Cattle Egret - 91

Green Heron – 13

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron - 3

Black Vulture - 66

Turkey Vulture – 16

Mississippi Kite – 26

Red-shouldered Hawk - 2

Purple Gallinule – 8 (also 2 broods.)

Common Gallinule - 24 (also several broods.)

American Coot - 9

Killdeer – 1

Least Tern – 2

Black Tern – 2 (still mostly in breeding plumage.)

Mourning Dove – 6

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 2

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1

White-eved Vireo - 3

Bell's Vireo - 3

Red-eyed Vireo - 1

American Crow - 11

Fish Crow - 4

Purple Martin - 1

Tree Swallow – 12

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 5

Cliff Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 15

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Carolina Wren – 12

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 1

Eastern Bluebird – 2

Prairie Warbler – 1

Prothonotary Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 13

Yellow-breasted Chat - 6

Eastern Towhee - 1

Northern Cardinal – 11

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 17

Painted Bunting - 5

Dickcissel - 12

Red-winged Blackbird – 30

Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

Orchard Oriole –2

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail

Citrine Forktail

Common Green Darner

Regal Darner

Cyrano Darner

Prince Baskettail

Two-striped Forceptail

Jade Clubtail

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Great-blue Skimmer

Blue Dasher

Eastern Amberwing

Wandering Glider

Spot-winged Glider

Striped Saddlebags

"red" Saddlebags species

Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Green Treefrog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - July 12th

It was partly cloudy, warm, and very windy on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. Things have really slowed down. Very little singing going on now. The high winds caused birds to be scarce as well. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 2

Canada Goose – 6

Wood Duck – 4

Mallard - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 3

Neotropic Cormorant – 3

Anhinga – 23 (also nests with young.)

Great-blue Heron - 8

Great Egret - 13

Snowy Egret - 25

Little-blue Heron - 7

Cattle Egret - 72

Green Heron – 5

White Ibis - 2

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture – 12

Mississippi Kite – 7

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 4

Common Gallinule - 15 (also several broods.)

American Coot – 7

Killdeer – 1

Mourning Dove - 21

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 1

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4

White-eyed Vireo - 7

Bell's Vireo - 2

Red-eyed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 4

Fish Crow - 3

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow - 2

Cliff Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 32

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 6

Eastern Bluebird – 2

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 3

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 8

Yellow-breasted Chat - 14

Summer Tanager - 1

Eastern Towhee – 2

Lark Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 27

Blue Grosbeak - 8

Indigo Bunting - 27

Painted Bunting - 11

Dickcissel - 28

Red-winged Blackbird – 23

Eastern Meadowlark – 1

Common Grackle - 1

Brown-headed Cowbird - 7

Orchard Oriole – 4

Baltimore Oriole - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail

Citrine Forktail

Blue-fronted Dancer

Common Green Darner

Swamp Darner

Regal Darner

Cyrano Darner

Prince Baskettail

Two-striped Forceptail

Jade Clubtail

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Golden-winged Skimmer

Widow Skimmer

Blue Dasher

Eastern Amberwing

Common Whitetail

Wandering Glider

Spot-winged Glider

Striped Saddlebags

Red Saddlebags Carolina Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Orange-striped Ribbon Snake Blanchard's Cricket Frog Southern Leopard Frog Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - July 5th

It was mostly cloudy, warm, and windy on the survey today. 70 species were found. Not much singing going on now. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 2

Canada Goose - 6

Wood Duck - 25

Pied-billed Grebe - 2

Neotropic Cormorant – 5

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 25 (also nests with young.)

Least Bittern - 3

Great-blue Heron - 7

Great Egret – 24

Snowy Egret - 20

Little-blue Heron - 13

Cattle Egret - 34

Green Heron – 5

White Ibis - 2

Black Vulture - 11

Turkey Vulture – 30

Mississippi Kite – 9

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 6

Common Gallinule - 20 (also several broods.)

American Coot - 8

Killdeer – 9

Peep species (Pectoral?) – 1 flyover

Mourning Dove - 11

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 4

Great-horned Owl - 1

Chimney Swift - 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 3

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo - 9

Bell's Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 5

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 20

Fish Crow - 1

Purple Martin - 10

Tree Swallow - 4

Northern Rough-winged Swallow – 3

Cliff Swallow - 5

Barn Swallow – 11

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 3

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 3

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Gray Catbird - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Prothonotary Warbler - 3

Common Yellowthroat - 5

Yellow-breasted Chat - 4

Summer Tanager – 3

Eastern Towhee - 1

Northern Cardinal – 18

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 23

Painted Bunting - 9

Dickcissel - 12

Red-winged Blackbird – 27

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Brown-headed Cowbird - 15

Orchard Oriole - 3

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail

Familiar Bluet

Swamp Darner

Cyrano Darner

Prince Baskettail

Two-striped Forceptail

Jade Clubtail

Royal River Cruiser

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Slaty Skimmer
Great-blue Skimmer
Blue Dasher
Eastern Amberwing
Common Whitetail
Wandering Glider
Red Saddlebags
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

Southern Black Racer Green Anole Green Treefrog Blanchard's Cricket Frog Southern Leopard Frog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - June 29th

It was mostly clear and hot with a little wind on the bird survey today. 64 species were found. Lots of young of the year out. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 4

Canada Goose – 2 (also 4 young.)

Wood Duck - 44

Pied-billed Grebe - 9

Neotropic Cormorant – 6 (the young have fledged.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 24 (also nests with young.)

Least Bittern - 1

Great-blue Heron - 10

Great Egret - 9

Snowy Egret - 1

Little-blue Heron - 17

Cattle Egret - 35

Green Heron - 10

Black Vulture - 1

Turkey Vulture – 20

Mississippi Kite - 6

Purple Gallinule - 6 (also 3 chicks.)

Common Gallinule - 15 (also several broods with a total of 17 chicks.)

American Coot - 7

Mourning Dove - 19

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 5

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Willow Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eved Vireo - 4

Bell's Vireo - 5

Red-eyed Vireo - 2

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 10

Fish Crow - 11

Purple Martin - 7

Tree Swallow - 4

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 6

Barn Swallow - 41

Carolina Chickadee - 4

Tufted Titmouse - 1

Carolina Wren - 13

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5

Northern Mockingbird – 2

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine warbler - 1

Prothonotary Warbler - 8

Common Yellowthroat - 10

Yellow-breasted Chat - 8

Summer Tanager – 2

Eastern Towhee – 2

Lark Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 14

Blue Grosbeak - 1

Indigo Bunting - 18

Painted Bunting - 5

Dickcissel - 16

Red-winged Blackbird - 43

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Common Grackle - 10

Brown-headed Cowbird - 13

Orchard Oriole - 3

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Slender Spreadwing
Common Green Darner
Swamp Darner

Regal Darner Cyrano Darner Prince Baskettail **Bayou Clubtail** Jade Clubtail Royal River Cruiser Halloween Pennant Four-spotted Pennant Eastern Pondhawk Slaty Skimmer Blue Dasher Widow Skimmer Eastern Amberwing Common Whitetail Wandering Glider Spot-winged Glider Carolina Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

Common Snapping Turtle Orange-striped Ribbon Snake Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - June 20th

It was partly cloudy and hot on the bird survey today. 55 species were found. The dog days of summer seem to have set in and the birds are getting silent. Lots of young of the year are out now including some fledglings from our martin box. We placed the martin box out on the splitter levee between Lotus and Pintail lakes about 3 or 4 years ago but this is the first year martins used it. In the previous years it was used by Tree Swallows who fiercely defended it every time martins showed up to check it out, running the martins off. This year 3 pairs of martins showed up which was too many for the Tree Swallows to deal with so they gave up and all nested together. The swallows were in the vents in the attic accessed from the side of the box and the martins were in the main box. Interesting combination. Only 2 pairs of martins ended up nesting there but they had already won the battle with the Tree Swallows. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 1
Wood Duck – 12
Pied-billed Grebe - 4
Neotropic Cormorant – 3
Anhinga – 13
Least Bittern – 3
Great-blue Heron - 7

Great Egret - 16

Little-blue Heron - 3

Cattle Egret - 2

Green Heron - 10

Black Vulture - 1

Turkey Vulture - 26

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Broad-winged Hawk - 2

Purple Gallinule – 15 (also 2 broods of tiny young.)

Common Gallinule - 18 (also several broods of young.)

American Coot - 10

Mourning Dove – 8

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 7

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 3

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo - 12

Bell's Vireo - 4

Red-eyed Vireo - 4

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 6

Fish Crow - 6

Purple Martin - 8

Tree Swallow - 14

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 32

Tufted Titmouse - 5

Carolina Wren - 7

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4

Eastern Bluebird - 2

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Pine warbler - 3

Prothonotary Warbler – 10

Common Yellowthroat - 8

Yellow-breasted Chat - 14

Summer Tanager - 1

Northern Cardinal - 21

Indigo Bunting - 28

Painted Bunting - 9

Dickcissel - 18

Red-winged Blackbird - 27

Common Grackle - 6

Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

Orchard Oriole - 3

Baltimore Oriole - 2

Odonates:

Lilypad Forktail
Common Green Darner
Regal Darner
Cyrano Darner
Prince Baskettail
Mocha Emerald
Stillwater Clubtail

Halloween Pennant

Four-spotted Pennant

Eastern Pondhawk

Slaty Skimmer

Blue Dasher

Widow Skimmer

Common Whitetail

Spot-winged Glider

Carolina Saddlebags

Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Blanchard's Cricket Frog Green Treefrog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - June 13th

It was overcast, mild, and rainy on the survey today turning partly cloudy near the end of the survey. 73 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 9

Wood Duck – 7

Northern Bobwhite - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 7

Neotropic Cormorant – 7

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 13 (also several nests with downy young.)

American Bittern - 1

Least Bittern – 3 adults (also 1 downy juvenile.)

Great-blue Heron - 9

Great Egret - 44

Snowy Egret - 1

Little-blue Heron - 10

Cattle Egret - 17

Green Heron - 12

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture - 9

Mississippi Kite – 2

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red Shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 13

Common Gallinule - 19

American Coot - 7

Least Tern - 2

Mourning Dove – 15

Rock Pigeon - 3

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 9

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 2

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 3

White-eved Vireo - 10

Bell's Vireo - 1

Yellow-throated Vireo - 3

Red-eyed Vireo - 4

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 7

Fish Crow - 1

Purple Martin - 1

Tree Swallow – 14

Barn Swallow - 18

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 3

Carolina Wren - 11

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Eastern Bluebird - 9

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine warbler - 2

Prothonotary Warbler - 5

Kentucky Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 7

Yellow-breasted Chat - 7

Summer Tanager - 1

Eastern Towhee – 2

Lark Sparrow - 4

Northern Cardinal - 21

Blue Grosbeak - 3

Indigo Bunting - 17
Painted Bunting - 5
Dickcissel - 13
Red-winged Blackbird – 24
Eastern Meadowlark - 1
Common Grackle - 17
Brown-headed Cowbird – 13
Orchard Oriole - 1
Baltimore Oriole – 1
House Sparrow - 1

Odonates:

Common Green Darner Prince Baskettail Halloween Pennant Eastern Pondhawk Blue Dasher Widow Skimmer Common Whitetail Wandering Glider Black Saddlebags

<u>Herps:</u>

American Alligator
Western Cottonmouth
Orange-striped Ribbon Snake
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad
Blanchard's Cricket Frog
Green Treefrog
Gray Treefrog
Cajun Chorus Frog
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - June 2nd

It was overcast, mild, and windy, with several showers on the bird survey today. 74 species were found. Migration is basically over and we are settling into a summer pattern. I heard a commotion today and turned and looked and saw about 8 Tree Swallows having a territorial dispute over the water and as I watched two birds locked onto each other and fell into the water where they continued to fight each other in the water for at least 30-40 seconds. There just happened to be passing by at that moment about 15 feet away an alligator about 5 ft. in length. He suddenly changed direction and headed for the fighting birds in the water. Just as the gator reached them and made a grab for them the two bird broke apart and flew away. The gator missed them by an inch. I thought they were goners. I was amazed that the birds could

lift off the water so quick after having been in it for as long as they were. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck – 5

Canada Goose - 2 adults with brood.

Wood Duck - 7

Pied-billed Grebe - 4

Neotropic Cormorant – 4 (also several near fledging young in a couple nests.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga - 21 (Several sitting on nests.)

Least Bittern - 4

Great-blue Heron - 8

Great Egret - 22

Snowy Egret - 3

Cattle Egret - 1

Green Heron - 7

Black Vulture - 4

Turkey Vulture - 19

Mississippi Kite - 3

Red Shouldered Hawk - 1

Purple Gallinule - 9

Common Gallinule - 12

American Coot - 5

Killdeer - 1

Least Tern - 1

Mourning Dove – 13

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Rock Pigeon - 2

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 3

Barred Owl - 1

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 3

Willow Flycatcher - 1 (calling on nesting territory)

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 4

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 5

White-eyed Vireo - 7

Bell's Vireo - 3

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Red-eved Vireo - 4

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 6

Fish Crow - 1

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow – 21

Cliff Swallow - 6

Barn Swallow - 14

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse - 5

Carolina Wren - 5

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Eastern Bluebird - 8

Wood Thrush – 1

Northern Mockingbird - 4

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine warbler - 2

Prairie Warbler - 1

Black-and-white Warbler - 1

Prothonotary Warbler – 4

Kentucky Warbler - 2

Common Yellowthroat - 3

Yellow-breasted Chat - 8

Summer Tanager - 5

Eastern Towhee – 2

Lark Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal – 13

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting - 15

Painted Bunting - 2

Dickcissel - 19

Red-winged Blackbird - 35

Common Grackle - 39

Brown-headed Cowbird - 13

Baltimore Oriole - 1

House Sparrow - 1

Odonates:

Eastern Pondhawk Blue Dasher

Common Whitetail

Herps:

American Alligator
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad
Blanchard's Cricket Frog
Green Treefrog
Bronze Frog
Bullfrog

Good birding! David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - May 24th

It was overcast, warm, and a bit windy on the survey today. 72 species were found. The only migrants I saw today were a group of Black Terns and a couple flyover Black-necked Stilts. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 8

Wood Duck – 7

Mallard – 5 (also one brood of 8 small young with hen.)

Blue-winged Teal - 5

Hooded Merganser - 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 9 (one on nest.)

Neotropic Cormorant – 8

Double-crested Cormorant - 1

Anhinga – 16 (Several sitting on nests.)

Least Bittern – 5 (1 sitting on nest.)

Great-blue Heron – 14

Great Egret – 22

Snowy Egret – 1

Cattle Egret - 8

Green Heron - 8

Black Vulture - 33

Turkey Vulture - 7

Mississippi Kite - 5

Cooper's Hawk - 2

Red Shouldered Hawk - 2

King Rail - 1

Purple Gallinule - 11

Common Gallinule – 27 (one pair with 7 small chicks.)

American Coot – 12

Killdeer – 3

Black-necked Stilt - 2

Black Tern - 11

Mourning Dove – 13

Yellow-billed Cuckoo – 7

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Pileated Woodpecker - 5

Willow Flycatcher – 2 (calling on nesting territories)

Eastern Phoebe - 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird - 8

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4

White-eyed Vireo - 6

Bell's Vireo - 6

Yellow-throated Vireo - 2

Red-eyed Vireo – 4

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 7

Fish Crow – 6

Purple Martin - 3

Tree Swallow - 28

Barn Swallow - 7

Carolina Chickadee – 2

Tufted Titmouse – 1

Carolina Wren - 9

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Wood Thrush - 2

Cedar Waxwing – 7

Yellow-throated Warbler - 2 Pine warbler – 2 Prairie Warbler – 2 Black-and-white Warbler - 1 Prothonotary Warbler – 8 Common Yellowthroat – 12 Yellow-breasted Chat – 14 Summer Tanager – 1 Eastern Towhee – 2 Northern Cardinal – 22 Indigo Bunting – 23 Painted Bunting - 7 Dickcissel - 29 Red-winged Blackbird - 25 Eastern Meadowlark - 1 Common Grackle - 34 Brown-headed Cowbird - 6 Orchard Oriole - 5

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Lilypad Forktail
Vesper Bluet
Common Green Darner
Cyrano Darner
Stillwater Clubtail
Halloween Pennant
Eastern Pondhawk
Great-blue Skimmer
Blue Dasher
Spot-winged Glider
Carolina Saddlebags
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator
Mississippi Mud Turtle
Broad-banded Watersnake
Yellow-bellied Watersnake
Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad
Blanchard's Cricket Frog
Green Treefrog
Bronze Frog
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - May 18th

It was mostly overcast, cool, and windy on the bird survey today. Ford Hendershot and I found 87 species. A few migrants were grounded today and we did especially good with the flycatchers. The biggest highlight of the day was finding a couple King Rails, one of which was very tame and allowed me to get some good pics of him. Here is our list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 21

Wood Duck – 15

Mallard - 4

Blue-winged Teal - 7

Hooded Merganser – 6

Pied-billed Grebe – 7

Neotropic Cormorant – 4

Double-crested Cormorant – 3

Anhinga – 17 (Several sitting on nests.)

Least Bittern – 5 (1 sitting on nest.)

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret – 20

Snowy Egret – 3

Little-blue Heron – 1

Green Heron - 1

Black Vulture - 11

Turkey Vulture – 19

Mississippi Kite - 1

King Rail - 2

Purple Gallinule - 5

Common Gallinule - 10

American Coot – 14

Killdeer – 4

Spotted Sandpiper – 7

Lesser Yellowlegs – 7

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 13

Dunlin - 1

Least Tern – 2

Black Tern - 1

Rock Pigeon - 2

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 2

Mourning Dove – 12

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

Alder Flycatcher – 4

Willow Flycatcher - 1

Least Flycatcher – 2

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Kingbird – 29

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 1

White-eyed Vireo - 13

Bell's Vireo – 5

Warbling Vireo - 1

Philadelphia Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo - 3

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 4

Fish Crow – 3

Tree Swallow - 13

Bank Swallow – 2

Cliff Swallow - 3

Barn Swallow - 6

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse – 1

Carolina Wren – 7

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 3

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 4

Cedar Waxwing – 41

Nashville Warbler - 1

Yellow Warbler - 6

Chestnut-sided Warbler - 1

Prothonotary Warbler – 5

Mourning Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat - 16

Wilson's Warbler - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat – 8

Summer Tanager – 1

Eastern Towhee - 1

Chipping Sparrow - 1

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 13

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting – 13

Painted Bunting - 10

Dickcissel - 34

Bobolink - 1

Red-winged Blackbird - 19

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Common Grackle – 21

Brown-headed Cowbird - 13

Orchard Oriole - 4

Odonates:

Orange Bluet
Eastern Pondhawk
Great-blue Skimmer
Blue Dasher

Black Saddlebags

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - May 11th

It was partly cloudy, very warm, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 79 species were found. The clearing off of the weather after 3 days of overcast and rainy conditions put the migrants on the move and so there were very few found today. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 14

Canada Goose - 2

Wood Duck - 13

Blue-winged Teal - 10

Hooded Merganser – 2

Pied-billed Grebe – 7

Neotropic Cormorant – 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 2

Anhinga – 27 (Several sitting on nests.)

Least Bittern – 9 (1 sitting on nest.)

Great-blue Heron – 12

Great Egret – 16

Snowy Egret - 1

Little-blue Heron – 1

Cattle Egret - 17

Green Heron - 5

White Ibis – 90

Black Vulture - 3

Turkey Vulture - 8

Mississippi Kite - 8

King Rail - 1

Purple Gallinule - 10

Common Gallinule - 17

American Coot - 38

Wilson's Phalarope - 3

Mourning Dove – 22

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 9

Chimney Swift - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 4

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Pileated Woodpecker - 4

Alder Flycatcher – 1

Least Flycatcher - 1

Great-crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird – 29

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 6

White-eyed Vireo - 9

Bell's Vireo – 2

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo – 1

American Crow - 5

Fish Crow – 2

Purple Martin - 4

Tree Swallow - 28

Bank Swallow - 1

Barn Swallow - 8

Carolina Chickadee - 6

Tufted Titmouse – 5

Carolina Wren - 13

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 7

Eastern Bluebird – 2

Gray Catbird - 2

Northern Mockingbird - 4

Cedar Waxwing - 25

Yellow Warbler – 6

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler – 3

Prairie Warbler – 1

Black-and-White Warbler - 1

Prothonotary Warbler - 6

Kentucky Warbler – 2

Common Yellowthroat – 16

Yellow-breasted Chat - 16

Summer Tanager – 4

Eastern Towhee – 2

Field Sparrow - 1

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal – 27

Blue Grosbeak - 2

Indigo Bunting – 23

Painted Bunting - 6

Dickcissel - 18

Red-winged Blackbird – 30

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Common Grackle – 28

Brown-headed Cowbird - 9

Orchard Oriole - 5

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail

Lilypad Forktail

Blue-fronted Dancer

Common Green Darner

Stillwater Clubtail

Eastern Pondhawk

Common Whitetail Eastern Amberwing Blue Dasher Spot-winged Glider Red Saddlebags Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Broad-headed Skink Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad Green Treefrog Blanchard's Cricket Frog Southern Leopard Frog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - May 3rd

It was partly cloudy, cool, and windy on the bird survey today. 104 species were found. It was fairly good for migrants early before the wind picked up with numerous species of warblers being found in the willow rows. Here is my list for today:

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 13

Canada Goose - 2 Wood Duck - 14 Gadwall - 1

Blue-winged Teal - 13

Hooded Merganser – 8

Pied-billed Grebe – 11

Neotropic Cormorant – 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 36

Anhinga – 24 (Several sitting on nests.)

American Bittern – 4

Least Bittern - 3

Great-blue Heron – 15

Great Egret – 18

Snowy Egret – 5

Little-blue Heron – 2

Cattle Egret - 2

Green Heron - 3

White Ibis – 119 (unit 7)

Black Vulture - 7

Turkey Vulture - 14

Mississippi Kite - 1

Cooper's Hawk – 1

King Rail - 1

Purple Gallinule - 7

Common Gallinule - 28

American Coot - 58

Killdeer - 1

Spotted Sandpiper – 3

Greater Yellowlegs - 19

Lesser Yellowlegs – 13

Wilson's Phalarope - 8

Mourning Dove – 23

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - 6

Chimney Swift - 3

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1

Acadian Flycatcher – 1

Alder Flycatcher – 4

Least Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Phoebe – 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 3

Eastern Kingbird – 29

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4

White-eyed Vireo - 16

Bell's Vireo – 4

Warbling Vireo - 5

Red-eyed Vireo – 3

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 11

Fish Crow – 5

Purple Martin - 5

Tree Swallow - 32

Bank Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 18

Barn Swallow - 10

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse – 7

Carolina Wren – 13

Marsh Wren – 3

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 9

Eastern Bluebird – 5

Gray Catbird - 7

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Cedar Waxwing - 60

Tennessee Warbler - 5

Nashville Warbler - 3

Yellow Warbler - 7

Magnolia Warbler - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 3

Yellow-throated Warbler - 2

Pine Warbler – 2

Prairie Warbler – 2

Blackpoll Warbler - 2

Black-and-White Warbler - 4

Prothonotary Warbler – 5

Northern Waterthrush – 1

Kentucky Warbler – 1

Common Yellowthroat – 27

Hooded Warbler - 1

Yellow-breasted Chat - 13

Summer Tanager – 6

Eastern Towhee – 1

Chipping Sparrow - 1

Clay-colored Sparrow - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 5

Lincoln's Sparrow - 12

White-crowned Sparrow - 1

Northern Cardinal - 19

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1

Blue Grosbeak - 4

Indigo Bunting – 33

Painted Bunting - 4

Dickcissel - 15

Bobolink - 2

Red-winged Blackbird – 32

Common Grackle - 18

Brown-headed Cowbird - 11

Orchard Oriole - 3

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Ebony Jewelwing

Elegant Spreadwing

Common Green Darner

Swamp Darner

Cyrano Darner

Bayou Clubtail

Jade Clubtail

Spangled Skimmer

Eastern Pondhawk

Eastern Amberwing

Blue Dasher

Spot-winged Glider

Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Western Cottonmouth **Broad-banded Watersnake** Yellow-bellied Watersnake Green Treefrog Blanchard's Cricket Frog Southern Leopard Frog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey – April 27th

Rebecca Crofton (WA), Walter Harmon (WA), and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 93 species. The weather started off cool, calm, and overcast (just after a storm) then turned hot, windy and partly cloudy by afternoon. Highlight of the day was a flock of 10 Fulvous Whistling Ducks that spent some time on the Otter Lake spillway then they disappeared and 7 were later refound in unit 30E. Also we were counting shorebirds in unit 30 when a Cooper's Hawk dove on some yellowlegs and ended up chasing one in circles, both birds doing some incredible in flight maneuvering and the yellowlegs escaped barely. We had a bit of a hawk migration going today also, with some fair numbers of Mississippi Kites moving over as well as other raptors including a late 2nd year Golden Eagle. Here is our list for today:

Fulvous Whistling Duck - 10

Canada Goose - 4 Wood Duck - 18 Gadwall - 9 Mallard - 1

Blue-winged Teal - 43 Northern Shoveler – 5

Green-winged Teal – 1 male

Hooded Merganser - 7 Pied-billed Grebe – 10

Neotropic Cormorant – 5 (at least 2 birds sitting on nests.)

Double-crested Cormorant – 9

Anhinga – 19 (Several sitting on nests.)

American Bittern - 2 Great-blue Heron - 26

Great Egret – 33

Snowy Egret - 18

Little-blue Heron – 7 Green Heron - 1

White-faced Ibis – 9 (unit 7)

Black Vulture - 24

Turkey Vulture – 12

Mississippi Kite - 21

Cooper's Hawk – 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Swainson's Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 2

Golden Eagle - 1 (2nd year) migrant

Virginia Rail – 2

Sora – 1

Purple Gallinule - 5

Common Gallinule - 17

American Coot - 76

Spotted Sandpiper - 4

Solitary Sandpiper - 4

Greater Yellowlegs - 25

Lesser Yellowlegs – 28

Short-billed Dowitcher – 1 (unit 7, identified by call.)

Dowitcher species – 4 (probably Short-billed)

Forster's Tern - 2

Mourning Dove – 7

Barred Owl - 2

Chimney Swift - 4

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Acadian Flycatcher - 1

Eastern Phoebe – 2

Great-crested Flycatcher - 2

Eastern Kingbird - 8

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 3

White-eved Vireo - 9

Bell's Vireo - 1

Red-eyed Vireo – 1

Blue Jay – 2

American Crow - 9

Fish Crow – 4

Purple Martin - 3

Tree Swallow - 47

Bank Swallow - 1

Cliff Swallow - 4

Barn Swallow - 11

Carolina Chickadee - 2

Tufted Titmouse – 2

Carolina Wren - 7

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 8

Eastern Bluebird - 3

Northern Mockingbird - 3

Cedar Waxwing - 23

Nashville Warbler - 1

Yellow Warbler - 2

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler – 2 Black-and-white Warbler - 1 Prothonotary Warbler – 9 Northern Waterthrush – 1 Kentucky Warbler - 2 Common Yellowthroat - 9 Yellow-breasted Chat – 4 Summer Tanager - 3 Lark Sparrow - 1 Savannah Sparrow – 2 White-throated Sparrow - 1 White-crowned Sparrow - 1 Northern Cardinal – 23 Blue Grosbeak - 1 Indigo Bunting – 18 Painted Bunting - 3 Dickcissel - 11 Red-winged Blackbird – 23 Common Grackle - 15 Brown-headed Cowbird – 3 Orchard Oriole - 1 American Goldfinch - 3

Odonates:

Elegant Spreadwing
Fragile Forktail
Skimming Bluet
Orange Bluet
Blue-fronted Dancer
Common Green Darner
Cyrano Darner
Baskettail species
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Dasher
Spot-winged Glider
Red Saddlebags
Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator Black Ratsnake Green Treefrog Bronze Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

Red Slough Bird Survey - April 20th

It was overcast, mild, with a shower in the morning turning mostly clear with a little wind in the afternoon. I started my survey right after a major storm event passed through the area. Fallout migrants were everywhere. One of my best days ever for surveying. **111 species found**. Missed some easy ones too. Flocks of warblers were all along Red Slough road. Here is my list for today;

Black-bellied Whistling Duck - 10

Canada Goose - 2

Wood Duck - 9

Gadwall - 20

Blue-winged Teal - 132

Northern Shoveler - 10

Lesser Scaup - 2

Common Goldeneye - 1

Hooded Merganser – 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 21

Neotropic Cormorant – 5 (at least 2 birds sitting on nests.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 17

Anhinga – 13 (Several sitting on nests.)

American Bittern - 5

Least Bittern - 1

Great-blue Heron – 10

Great Egret - 8

Cattle Egret – 91

White-faced Ibis - 1

Plegadis species - 4

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture – 15

Bald Eagle – 1 adult

Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Broad-winged Hawk – 3

Virginia Rail – 1

Sora – 3

Purple Gallinule - 2

Common Gallinule - 15

American Coot – 187

Killdeer – 4

Spotted Sandpiper – 3

Solitary Sandpiper - 8

Greater Yellowlegs – 8

Lesser Yellowlegs – 10

Semipalmated Sandpiper – 16

Least Sandpiper – 2

Pectoral Sandpiper - 10

Short-billed Dowitcher - 1

Dowitcher species – 5 (probably Short-billed) Wilson's Snipe - 1 Forster's Tern - 4 Mourning Dove - 5 Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1 Belted Kingfisher - 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker - 6 Downy Woodpecker - 3 Pileated Woodpecker - 3 Eastern Wood-Pewee - 1 Eastern Phoebe - 2 Great-crested Flycatcher - 1 Eastern Kingbird - 8 Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 4 White-eved Vireo - 9 Warbling Vireo - 3 Red-eyed Vireo - 2 Blue Jay – 22 (one flock of 15 migrating overhead headed north.) American Crow – 7 Fish Crow – 4 Purple Martin - 4 Tree Swallow - 29 Barn Swallow - 24 Carolina Chickadee - 5 Tufted Titmouse – 2 Carolina Wren – 11 House Wren - 3 Sedge Wren - 2 Marsh Wren - 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 3 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 14 Eastern Bluebird - 3 Swainson's Thrush - 2 Northern Mockingbird - 3 Brown Thrasher – 3 European Starling - 1 Cedar Waxwing – 13 **Blue-winged Warbler** – 1 male Tennessee Warbler - 5 Orange-crowned Warbler – 2 Nashville Warbler – 4 Northern Parula - 1 Yellow-rumped Warbler - 17 Yellow-throated Warbler - 2 Pine Warbler – 1 Prairie Warbler - 1

Black-and-white Warbler – 3 Prothonotary Warbler – 5 Northern Waterthrush – 1 Kentucky Warbler - 2 Common Yellowthroat – 11 Yellow-breasted Chat - 3

Summer Tanager - 3

Eastern Towhee – 1

Chipping Sparrow – 1

Lark Sparrow - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 9

Lincoln's Sparrow - 2

Swamp Sparrow - 4

White-throated Sparrow - 4

White-crowned Sparrow - 5

Northern Cardinal – 21

Indigo Bunting – 2

Dickcissel - 1

Red-winged Blackbird – 35

Eastern Meadowlark – 2

Yellow-headed Blackbird - 1 male

Brewer's Blackbird - 5

Common Grackle – 3

Brown-headed Cowbird - 9

Orchard Oriole - 15

American Goldfinch - 4

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail **Elegant Spreadwing** Common Green Darner Cyrano Darner Baskettail species Eastern Pondhawk Eastern Amberwing

Blue Dasher

Black Saddlebags

Herps:

American Alligator

Mississippi Mud Turtle

Red-eared Slider

Diamond-backed Watersnake

Orange-striped Ribbon Snake

Black Ratsnake

Blanchard's Cricket Frog

Cajun Chorus Frog

Eastern Gray Treefrog

Green Treefrog

Southern Leopard Frog

Bronze Frog

Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - April 5th

Rodney Huffman (TX) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 86 species. Ford Hendershot (OK) joined us for the last hour and a half of the survey. It was mostly clear, warm, and a little breezy. Lots of good birds around today. The Cinnamon Teal is still present in unit 30 and can be seen from Red Slough Rd. A female Red-breasted Merganser on Otter Lake was a real surprise as we only have two previous records; all in the month of April. An early immature White Ibis on Otter Lake was also a surprise. A high flying adult Swainson's Hawk headed west was also a good find for our area as was an early Nashville Warbler mixed in with a group of Yellow-rumped Warblers. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 1 Wood Duck - 19

Gadwall – 23

American Wigeon – 4

Mallard - 2

Cinnamon Teal – 1 male (unit 30E)

Blue-winged Teal - 82

Northern Shoveler – 40

Green-winged Teal – 9

Ring-necked Duck - 15

Bufflehead – 1 female

Hooded Merganser – 5

Red-breasted Merganser – 1 female

Pied-billed Grebe - 24

American White Pelican - 1

Neotropic Cormorant – 4 (2 sitting on nest.)

Double-crested Cormorant – 35

Anhinga – 5

American Bittern - 7

Great-blue Heron - 19

Great Egret - 20

White Ibis - 1 imm.

Black Vulture - 9

Turkey Vulture – 30

Bald Eagle - 1 adult

Northern Harrier – 4

Red-shouldered Hawk – 3

Broad-winged Hawk – 5 migrants

Swainson's Hawk - 1

Common Gallinule - 3

American Coot – 570

American Golden-Plover - 2

Greater Yellowlegs - 19

Wilson's Snipe – 6

Mourning Dove – 5

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Downy Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 4

Eastern Phoebe – 4

Eastern Kingbird – 2

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - 2

White-eyed Vireo - 17

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 4

American Crow - 21

Fish Crow – 9

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow – 56

Barn Swallow - 9

Carolina Chickadee – 4

Tufted Titmouse – 10

Carolina Wren - 10

House Wren – 1

Marsh Wren - 4

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 5

Eastern Bluebird - 3

Northern Mockingbird - 2

Brown Thrasher – 4

Cedar Waxwing – 16

Nashville Warbler – 1 (early!)

Northern Parula - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 10

Yellow-throated Warbler - 3

Pine Warbler – 3

Black-and-white Warbler - 3

Prothonotary Warbler - 4

Common Yellowthroat - 3

Eastern Towhee - 5

Field Sparrow - 2

Savannah Sparrow – 15

LeConte's Sparrow - 2

Song Sparrow – 3

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Swamp Sparrow - 1

White-throated Sparrow - 8

White-crowned Sparrow - 2

Northern Cardinal – 24

Red-winged Blackbird – 82

Eastern Meadowlark - 1

Common Grackle - 3

Brown-headed Cowbird - 6

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Baskettail species
Common Green Darner
Cyrano Darner
Eastern Pondhawk
Common Whitetail
Blue Dasher

Herps:

American Alligator Southern Painted Turtle Broad-banded Watersnake Southern Black Racer Blanchard's Cricket Frog Eastern Gray Treefrog Southern Leopard Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen. AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - March 29th

It was mostly clear (turning overcast by mid-afternoon), mild, and a bit windy. 75 species were found. The male Cinnamon Teal continues in unit 30E and can be easily seen from Red Slough Rd. (formerly Mudline Rd.) by the middle parking area looking west. There are still 2 female Neotropic Cormorants sitting on nests on Pintail Lake and I observed one of the males arrive at one nest and feed the female then copulate with her. This pair are not in full breeding plumage yet but are starting to show some white in the facial area. The male of the other pair is still in adult winter plumage and his female is in juvenile plumage, being a pale brownish. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 3
Wood Duck - 4
Gadwall - 48
Cinnamon Teal - 1 male (unit 30E)
Blue-winged Teal - 120
Northern Shoveler - 65
Green-winged Teal - 6
Ring-necked Duck - 15
Lesser Scaup - 1
Bufflehead - 2 females
Hooded Merganser - 1

Pied-billed Grebe - 25

Neotropic Cormorant – 4 (2 sitting on nest.)

Double-crested Cormorant - 19

Anhinga – 6

American Bittern – 5

Great Blue Heron - 15

Great Egret – 3

Little-blue Heron - 1

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture – 14

Northern Harrier - 3

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

Virginia Rail - 2

American Coot - 700

Greater Yellowlegs - 41

Wilson's Snipe – 14

Mourning Dove – 7

Rock Pigeon - 1

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 4

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker - 1

Pileated Woodpecker – 1

Eastern Phoebe – 4

White-eved Vireo - 4

Yellow-throated Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 6

American Crow - 6

Fish Crow – 5

Purple Martin - 3

Tree Swallow – 85

Barn Swallow - 9

Carolina Chickadee – 8

Tufted Titmouse – 15

Carolina Wren - 6

Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 6

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Hermit Thrush – 1

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Brown Thrasher – 1

Cedar Waxwing - 31

Northern Parula - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 7

Yellow-throated Warbler - 4

Pine Warbler - 3

Black-and-white Warbler - 3

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee – 1
Field Sparrow - 1
Savannah Sparrow – 9
Song Sparrow – 3
Swamp Sparrow - 7
White-throated Sparrow - 3
White-crowned Sparrow - 7
Northern Cardinal – 15
Red-winged Blackbird – 24
Eastern Meadowlark - 2
Common Grackle – 28
Brown-headed Cowbird – 6
American Goldfinch - 7

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Lilypad Forktail
Southern Spreadwing
Baskettail species
Stream Cruiser
Common Green Darner
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Corporal

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Broad-banded Watersnake Blanchard's Cricket Frog Eastern Gray Treefrog Leopard Frog Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - March 22nd

It was mostly clear, cool, and windy on the bird survey today. 58 species were found. New migrants are starting to arrive. The wind really kept the birds deep in the cover and quiet making surveying difficult. I spent quite a bit of time searching for last week's Vermilion Flycatcher but no luck. The biggest surprise today was a beautiful male **Cinnamon Teal** in unit 30E by the water control structure. It was in with a flock of Blue-winged Teal. Also surprising were two Neotropic Cormorants already sitting on nests in the usual spot in Pintail Lake. Here is my list for today:

Wood Duck - 16

Gadwall - 66

Cinnamon Teal – 1 male (unit 30E)

Blue-winged Teal - 180

Northern Shoveler - 36

Green-winged Teal – 24

Ring-necked Duck – 52

Hooded Merganser – 7

Ruddy Duck - 4

Pied-billed Grebe – 13

Neotropic Cormorant – 3 (2 sitting on nests already!)

Double-crested Cormorant - 33

Anhinga – 2

American Bittern - 1 calling

Great Blue Heron – 8

Black Vulture - 35

Turkey Vulture – 38

Northern Harrier – 2

Red-shouldered Hawk – 4

American Coot - 445

Greater Yellowlegs – 36

Wilson's Snipe – 3

Mourning Dove – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Northern Flicker - 5

Pileated Woodpecker – 4

Eastern Phoebe - 1

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Yellow-throated Vireo – 1 singing

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow – 26

Fish Crow – 4

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow - 53

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 2

Barn Swallow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 8

Tufted Titmouse - 5

Carolina Wren - 7

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher – 1

Eastern Bluebird - 6

Brown Thrasher - 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 5

Yellow-throated Warbler - 1

Pine Warbler - 3

Black-and-white Warbler - 2

Eastern Towhee – 3

Savannah Sparrow – 7

Song Sparrow – 2

Swamp Sparrow - 1
White-throated Sparrow - 10
Northern Cardinal - 9
Red-winged Blackbird - 165
Meadowlark species - 4
Common Grackle - 2
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Bluet species (teneral)
Common Green Darner
Slender Baskettail
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Corporal

Herps:

American Alligator Red-eared Slider Western Cottonmouth Graham's Crayfish Snake Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey – March 15th

Butch Tetzlaff (AR) and I surveyed birds today at Red Slough and found 66 species. Weather was warm, mostly clear, and windy. On my last survey 2 weeks ago I reported hearing a flycatcher of some type that I thought might be an Ash-throated. I have not been able to visit this location since then until today. Well I found the bird, only it wasn't an Ash-throated. It turned out to be an adult female **Vermilion Flycatcher** which is a new species for Red Slough and one we have been long overdue for. I never thought to check the call notes of this species 2 weeks ago, but after finding this bird very close to the site where I heard the calls two weeks ago, I checked the call and it was a match. To see some pics of this bird from today see: http://www.pbase.com/red_slough_wma/recent_photos. Anhingas and Neotropic Cormorants are back and I got a new early date record for White-eyed Vireo. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose – 2 Wood Duck - 23 Gadwall – 125 American Wigeon - 1 Mallard – 23 Blue-winged Teal - 145 Northern Shoveler – 252 Green-winged Teal - 20

Ring-necked Duck - 74

Hooded Merganser – 4

Ruddy Duck - 10

Pied-billed Grebe - 19

American White Pelican – 1

Neotropic Cormorant - 3

Double-crested Cormorant - 85

Anhinga - 1

Great Blue Heron – 12

Black Vulture - 9

Turkey Vulture - 21

Northern Harrier – 5

Cooper's Hawk - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 3

Red-tailed Hawk – 1

American Coot - 385

Greater Yellowlegs - 100

Dowitcher species - 1

Wilson's Snipe - 11

Rock Pigeon - 1

Mourning Dove - 1

Belted Kingfisher – 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 3

Pileated Woodpecker – 2

Vermilion Flycatcher - 1 adult female

Eastern Phoebe – 10

White-eyed Vireo – 1 (New early date by 5 days.)

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 35

Fish Crow – 5

Purple Martin - 2

Tree Swallow - 63

Barn Swallow - 5

Carolina Chickadee - 9

Tufted Titmouse - 5

Carolina Wren - 6

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 5

Pine Warbler – 6

Black-and-white Warbler - 1

Common Yellowthroat – 1 singing

Eastern Towhee – 4

Savannah Sparrow – 14

Le Conte's Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 2

Swamp Sparrow - 2
White-throated Sparrow - 3
White-crowned Sparrow - 1
Northern Cardinal - 11
Red-winged Blackbird - 125
Meadowlark species - 5
Common Grackle - 13
Brown-headed Cowbird - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail
Common Green Darner
Baskettail species
Eastern Pondhawk
Blue Corporal
Variegated Meadowhawk

Herps:

American Alligator
Common Snapping Turtle
Missouri River Cooter
Red-eared Slider
Southern Painted Turtle
Mississippi Mud Turtle
Western Cottonmouth
Broad-banded Watersnake
Yellow-bellied Watersnake
Western Black Ratsnake
Gray Treefrog (Cope's?)
Southern Leopard Frog
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - March 2nd

It was partly cloudy, mild, and windy on the survey today. 60 species were found. No real highlights today but I did have a little excitement when I heard the call notes of what sounded like an Ash-throated Flycatcher coming from a willow/scrub thicket on the backside of Otter Lake. After spending time there searching for the source of the calls I was unable to locate the bird so I walked the half mile back to my truck and retrieved my ipod and speaker and returned and played the call of the Ash-throated Flycatcher but still no luck. I will keep checking this area. We had an Ash-throated Flycatcher here one January over ten years ago in the same type habitat that stayed a week, but then disappeared after a bad ice storm. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 5

Wood Duck - 7

Gadwall - 218

Mallard – 42

Blue-winged Teal - 6

Northern Shoveler – 82

Northern Pintail - 4

Green-winged Teal – 24

Ring-necked Duck – 67

Pied-billed Grebe – 14

Double-crested Cormorant - 12

Great Blue Heron - 6

Black Vulture - 39

Turkey Vulture – 27

Northern Harrier – 2

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk - 3

American Kestrel - 1

American Coot – 480

Killdeer - 16

Greater Yellowlegs - 20

Wilson's Snipe – 12

Rock Pigeon - 1

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Northern Flicker – 2

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Phoebe - 5

Loggerhead Shrike – 2

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow - 37

Fish Crow – 5

Tree Swallow - 4

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse - 6

Brown Creeper - 3

Carolina Wren - 5

Bewick's Wren - 1

Winter Wren – 1

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5

Eastern Bluebird - 2

Hermit Thrush – 1

Northern Mockingbird - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 15

Pine Warbler – 7

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 3

Le Conte's Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 4

White-throated Sparrow – 2 White-crowned Sparrow – 1 Northern Cardinal – 8 Red-winged Blackbird – 227 Eastern Meadowlark – 1 Western Meadowlark – 6 Common Grackle - 641 American Goldfinch – 1

Odonates:

Damselfly species (almost certainly a Fragile Forktail.)
Dragonfly species (almost certainly a Variegated Meadowhawk.)

Herps:

Western Cottonmouth
Cajun Chorus Frogs – calling.
Southern Leopard Frogs – calling.
Bullfrog

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - February 25th

It was mostly clear, cool (30's-50's), and windy on the bird survey today. 62 species were found. The early migrants are starting to come in (swallows & BWTE). Pear trees, Sand Plums, and Redbuds are blooming. Spring is here! Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose – 2 Wood Duck - 7 Gadwall - 299 American Wigeon - 1 Mallard – 15 Blue-winged Teal - 7 Northern Shoveler – 262 Northern Pintail - 116 Green-winged Teal – 8 Canvasback – 5 Ring-necked Duck – 72 Hooded Merganser – 1 Pied-billed Grebe – 14 Double-crested Cormorant - 21 Great Blue Heron – 2 Black Vulture - 5 Turkey Vulture – 23 Bald Eagle – 1 imm. Northern Harrier – 2

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 6

American Coot - 423

Greater Yellowlegs – 17

Wilson's Snipe – 4

Mourning Dove – 7

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1

Downy Woodpecker – 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 6

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 6

Loggerhead Shrike – 2

American Crow – 105

Fish Crow - 4

Purple Martin – 4

Tree Swallow - 22

Carolina Chickadee - 4

Tufted Titmouse – 1

Carolina Wren - 4

Bewick's Wren - 1

House Wren - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 3

Eastern Bluebird - 2

American Robin - 1

Brown Thrasher – 4

American Pipit – 2

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 7

Pine Warbler – 1

Eastern Towhee - 1

Savannah Sparrow – 3

Fox Sparrow - 7

Song Sparrow – 3

Swamp Sparrow – 6

White-throated Sparrow - 6

White-crowned Sparrow – 4

Northern Cardinal - 8

Red-winged Blackbird - 3

Eastern Meadowlark – 5

Purple Finch - 1

American Goldfinch - 1

Odonates:

Fragile Forktail Dragonfly species

Herps:

Spring Peeper – calling. Cajun Chorus Frog – calling. Southern Leopard Frog – calling. Orange-striped Ribbon Snake

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - February 16th

It was partly cloudy, cool, and windy on the survey today. 73 species were found. The wind made the small land birds difficult to find and I had to work hard to find what I did. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose - 9

Snow Goose - 10

Ross' Goose - 1

Canada Goose – 2

Wood Duck - 9

Gadwall – 325

Mallard - 98

Northern Shoveler – 40

Northern Pintail - 174

Green-winged Teal – 22

Canvasback – 10

Ring-necked Duck - 188

Lesser Scaup - 10

Hooded Merganser – 12

Ruddy Duck – 50

Horned Grebe - 1

Pied-billed Grebe – 15

Double-crested Cormorant - 10

Great Blue Heron – 9

Black Vulture - 19

Turkey Vulture – 21

Bald Eagle - 1 imm.

Northern Harrier - 3

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk – 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 3

American Kestrel – 2

King Rail - 1

Virginia Rail - 2

American Coot – 718

Killdeer – 245

Greater Yellowlegs - 9

Wilson's Snipe – 33

American Woodcock - 1

Mourning Dove - 1

Barred Owl - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2

Downy Woodpecker – 4

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 3

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue-headed Vireo - 1

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 58

Fish Crow – 4

Carolina Chickadee - 6

Tufted Titmouse – 3

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 5

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin – 20

Brown Thrasher – 1

American Pipit – 2

Cedar Waxwing - 6

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 7

Pine Warbler – 2

Eastern Towhee - 2

Savannah Sparrow – 3

Fox Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 3

Swamp Sparrow – 2

White-throated Sparrow – 2

White-crowned Sparrow - 25

Northern Cardinal - 5

Red-winged Blackbird – 208

Eastern Meadowlark – 2

Western Meadowlark - 1 singing

Common Grackle - 25

American Goldfinch - 3

Herps:

Cajun Chorus Frog – calling. Southern Leopard Frog – calling.

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - February 10th

Ford Hendershot and I surveyed birds at Red Slough today and found 79 species. The weather was clear, cool, and a little windy. The highlight of the day was 3 early returning Tree Swallows. There is a hint of spring in the air. Elms and Red Maples were blooming. Here is our list for today:

Canada Goose - 1

Wood Duck - 8

Gadwall – 222

Mallard - 129

Northern Shoveler – 33

Northern Pintail - 90

Green-winged Teal – 14

Canvasback - 9

Ring-necked Duck - 247

Hooded Merganser – 7

Common Goldeneye - 1 adult male

Ruddy Duck – 11

Horned Grebe - 1

Pied-billed Grebe – 12

Double-crested Cormorant - 6

Great Blue Heron – 13

Black Vulture - 5

Turkey Vulture - 27

Northern Harrier – 5

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 7

American Kestrel – 2

Virginia Rail - 2

American Coot - 587

Killdeer – 50

Greater Yellowlegs – 8

Wilson's Snipe - 1

Ring-billed Gull - 1

Forster's Tern - 1

Mourning Dove – 18

Eurasian Collared-Dove - 1

Belted Kingfisher – 3

Red-headed Woodpecker - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 5

Northern Flicker – 9

Pileated Woodpecker - 3

Eastern Phoebe – 15

Loggerhead Shrike - 2

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow - 138

Fish Crow – 4

Tree Swallow – 3 (new early arrival date by one day.)

Carolina Chickadee - 7

Tufted Titmouse – 4

Brown Creeper - 1

Carolina Wren - 5

Winter Wren – 2

Marsh Wren - 3

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 12

Eastern Bluebird - 3

Hermit Thrush – 2

American Robin - 1

Northern Mockingbird - 3

Brown Thrasher – 2

American Pipit – 2

Orange-crowned warbler - 4

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 18

Pine Warbler – 1

Common Yellowthroat - 2

Eastern Towhee – 3

Savannah Sparrow – 2

Le Conte's Sparrow - 2

Fox Sparrow - 3

Song Sparrow – 26

Swamp Sparrow - 6

White-throated Sparrow - 5

White-crowned Sparrow - 6

Dark-eyed Junco - 3

Northern Cardinal – 12

Red-winged Blackbird – 450

Eastern Meadowlark - 26

Western Meadowlark - 1

Rusty Blackbird – 40

Common Grackle – 4

American Goldfinch - 2

Odonates:

Variegated Meadowhawk

Herps:

American Alligator
Western Cottonmouth
Spring Peeper – calling.
Southern Leopard Frog – calling.

Other sightings:

River Otter

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - February 4th

It was mostly clear, cold, and windy on the bird survey today. 60 species were found. The biggest highlight of the day was finding the Golden Eagle sitting on the levee east of the south parking area feeding on some prey it had captured and surrounded by crows and a Northern Harrier that were waiting and hoping for leftovers. I spent half the survey in the woods today now that the hunters are gone. Here is my list for today:

Gadwall - 740

Mallard - 85

Northern Shoveler - 28

Northern Pintail - 318

Green-winged Teal – 10

Canvasback - 9

Ring-necked Duck – 447

Hooded Merganser – 7

Ruddy Duck - 19

Pied-billed Grebe - 8

Double-crested Cormorant – 23

Great Blue Heron – 14

Black Vulture - 6

Turkey Vulture – 19

Bald Eagle – 1 imm.

Northern Harrier - 4

Red-shouldered Hawk – 2

Red-tailed Hawk – 3

Golden Eagle – 1 adult

American Kestrel - 1

American Coot - 518

Killdeer – 116

Greater Yellowlegs – 7

Wilson's Snipe - 12

Mourning Dove – 30

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1

Downy Woodpecker – 1

Northern Flicker – 3

Pileated Woodpecker - 2

Eastern Phoebe - 3

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 190

Fish Crow - 5

Carolina Chickadee – 4

Tufted Titmouse - 4

Brown Creeper - 2 Carolina Wren – 4 Golden-crowned Kinglet - 3 Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4 Eastern Bluebird - 3 Hermit Thrush – 1 Brown Thrasher – 4 Yellow-rumped Warbler – 9 Pine Warbler - 1 Eastern Towhee – 2 Savannah Sparrow - 1 Le Conte's Sparrow - 1 Fox Sparrow - 1 Song Sparrow – 5 Swamp Sparrow – 3

White-throated Sparrow – 9 White-crowned Sparrow – 12

Northern Cardinal – 10

Red-winged Blackbird - 600

Eastern Meadowlark – 28

Rustv Blackbird – 2

Common Grackle – 13

American Goldfinch – 5

Herps:

Southern Black Racer Southern Leopard Frogs - calling.

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - January 26th

It was partly cloudy, cool, a little windy on the bird survey today. 74 species were found. There is a hint of spring in the air. Red Maples and Spring Beauties are blooming. Frogs are calling. Hooded Mergansers are inspecting the duck nest boxes. Yesterday the temperature was around 70 degrees and butterflies, snakes, and alligators were out. Found some good birds today. Also, had an Inca Dove on Fossil Valley Rd. (formerly Appleberry Lane) but unfortunately it was outside my count area. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose – 3 Wood Duck - 5 Gadwall - 855 American Wigeon - 2 Mallard - 147 Northern Shoveler – 75 Northern Pintail - 107 Green-winged Teal – 266 Canvasback - 9

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Ring-necked Duck – 633
Bufflehead - 2
Hooded Merganser - 9
Ruddy Duck - 28
Wild Turkey - 18
Pied-billed Grebe – 16
Eared Grebe - 1
Horned Grebe - 1
Double-crested Cormorant - 8
Great Blue Heron – 11
Turkey Vulture – 21
Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1
Red-tailed Hawk – 4
American Kestrel - 1
King Rail – 1 (responded with grunting call to Virginia Rail tape.)
Virginia Rail - 1
American Coot - 637
Killdeer – 102
Greater Yellowlegs - 5
Wilson's Snipe - 1
Mourning Dove - 45
Eurasian Collared-Dove - 3
Rock Pigeon – 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker - 3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 1
Downy Woodpecker – 3
Hairy Woodpecker - 2
Northern Flicker - 9
Pileated Woodpecker - 1
Eastern Phoebe - 6
Loggerhead Shrike - 2
Blue Jay - 4
American Crow - 20
Fish Crow - 1
Carolina Chickadee - 11
Tufted Titmouse – 2
Carolina Wren - 4
Winter Wren – 2
Marsh Wren - 1
Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 7
Hermit Thrush - 1
Northern Mockingbird – 1
Brown Thrasher - 3
American Pipit – 40
Yellow-rumped Warbler – 7
Palm Warbler – 1 (along Red Slough Rd. {formerly Mudline Rd.} by footbridge.)
Common Yellowthroat - 1
Eastern Towhee - 1
Savannah Sparrow – 3
Le Conte's Sparrow - 3
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Fox Sparrow - 3 Song Sparrow – 11

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1 Swamp Sparrow - 4

White-throated Sparrow – 18

White-crowned Sparrow – 1

Dark-eyed Junco - 9

Northern Cardinal – 16

Red-winged Blackbird – 10

Eastern Meadowlark – 21

Western Meadowlark – 1

Rusty Blackbird – 1 (very scarce this year.)

Common Grackle – 32

American Goldfinch - 7

Herps:

Southern Leopard Frogs - calling.

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - January 19th

It was cold, overcast, and windy on the bird survey yesterday. 60 species were found. It was extremely miserable conditions for trying to do a survey. The cold wind made finding passerines very difficult as they were hanging out low in dense cover. Of note was a flock of over 60 Black Vultures soaring in the sky and drifting eastward and a large flock of 32 bluebirds. Here is my list for today:

Greater White-fronted Goose - 4

Canada Goose - 2

Gadwall – 1003

American Wigeon - 2

Mallard - 95

Northern Shoveler – 97

Northern Pintail - 22

Green-winged Teal – 25

Canvasback - 5

Ring-necked Duck – 803

Hooded Merganser - 7

Ruddy Duck - 14

Pied-billed Grebe – 10

Double-crested Cormorant – 158

Great Blue Heron – 16

Black Vulture - 66

Turkey Vulture – 59

Bald Eagle - 3

Northern Harrier – 5

Red-tailed Hawk - 4

American Kestrel - 1

American Coot - 496

Killdeer – 217

Ring-billed Gull - 1

Mourning Dove – 3

Rock Dove - 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker – 8

Eastern Phoebe - 4

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 2

American Crow – 100

Fish Crow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 1

Tufted Titmouse – 1

Carolina Wren - 3

Bewick's Wren - 1

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 6

Eastern Bluebird - 32

Hermit Thrush - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Brown Thrasher - 3

American Pipit – 41

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 7

Common Yellowthroat - 1

Eastern Towhee – 2

Field Sparrow - 6

Savannah Sparrow – 5

Fox Sparrow - 1

Song Sparrow – 8

Swamp Sparrow – 5

White-throated Sparrow - 2

White-crowned Sparrow - 7

Northern Cardinal - 6

Red-winged Blackbird – 43

Eastern Meadowlark - 8

Western Meadowlark - 4

Common Grackle - 46

Good birding!

David Arbour

De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - January 12th

It was clear and started off cold but turned mild on the bird survey today. 68 species were found. Here is my list for today:

Canada Goose - 1

Gadwall - 1573

American Wigeon - 4

Mallard - 74

Northern Shoveler – 42

Green-winged Teal – 18

Canvasback - 4

Ring-necked Duck - 466

Common Goldeneye – 2 (rare at Red Slough)

Hooded Merganser - 12

Ruddy Duck - 16

Pied-billed Grebe - 9

Horned Grebe - 1 (rare at Red Slough)

Double-crested Cormorant - 45

Great Blue Heron - 19

Black Vulture - 7

Turkey Vulture – 31

Northern Harrier – 3

Sharp-shinned Hawk - 2

Red-shouldered Hawk - 4

Red-tailed Hawk - 6

American Kestrel - 1

Merlin - 1

American Coot – 343

Killdeer – 127

Greater Yellowlegs - 8

Mourning Dove – 27

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1

Hairy Woodpecker - 1

Northern Flicker – 10

Eastern Phoebe - 8

Blue Jay - 1

American Crow – 22

Fish Crow - 4

Carolina Chickadee - 10

Tufted Titmouse – 2

Carolina Wren – 7

Bewick's Wren - 1

House Wren - 1

Winter Wren - 1

Sedge Wren - 1

Marsh Wren - 2

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 4

Eastern Bluebird - 1

Hermit Thrush - 1

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Brown Thrasher – 1

European Starling - 1

American Pipit – 1

Orange-crowned Warbler - 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler – 4

Common Yellowthroat - 3 Eastern Towhee – 1 Savannah Sparrow – 15 LeConte's Sparrow - 1 Fox Sparrow - 1 Song Sparrow – 12 Swamp Sparrow - 6 White-throated Sparrow – 8 White-crowned Sparrow - 9 Dark-eyed Junco - 1 Northern Cardinal - 17 Red-winged Blackbird – 120 Eastern Meadowlark – 20 Common Grackle - 9 Purple Finch - 1 American Goldfinch – 4

Herps:

Southern Leopard Frogs - calling

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR

Red Slough Bird Survey - January 5th

It was partly cloudy, cold, and a bit windy on the bird survey today. 66 species were found. The Anhinga has apparently left for more southern regions. The cold wind kept most smaller birds deep in cover making them difficult to find. I had a Merlin on Appleberry Lane (now renamed Fossil Valley Road) but unfortunately it was outside my count area as was a Eurasian Collared Dove. Here is my list for today:

Gadwall - 1921 American Wigeon - 19 Mallard - 99 Northern Shoveler – 52 Northern Pintail - 2 Green-winged Teal - 8 Canvasback - 2 Ring-necked Duck - 576 Hooded Merganser - 4 Ruddy Duck - 18 Pied-billed Grebe – 7 Double-crested Cormorant - 27 Great Blue Heron – 8 Black Vulture - 3 Turkey Vulture – 28 Northern Harrier - 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk - 1

Cooper's Hawk - 1

Red-shouldered Hawk - 1

Red-tailed Hawk – 8

American Coot - 369

Killdeer – 158

Least Sandpiper – 15

Forster's Tern - 2

Mourning Dove – 21

Belted Kingfisher - 1

Red-bellied Woodpecker – 3

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2

Downy Woodpecker - 2

Hairy Woodpecker - 2

Northern Flicker - 10

Pileated Woodpecker - 1

Eastern Phoebe – 4

Loggerhead Shrike - 1

Blue Jay - 3

American Crow - 6

Fish Crow - 1

Carolina Chickadee - 6

Tufted Titmouse – 4

Carolina Wren – 5

Winter Wren - 2

Sedge Wren - 1

Golden-crowned Kinglet - 1

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 5

Eastern Bluebird - 23

Hermit Thrush – 5

American Robin - 2

Northern Mockingbird – 1

Brown Thrasher – 6

American Pipit – 1

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 11

Pine Warbler – 3

Eastern Towhee - 3

Savannah Sparrow – 18

Fox Sparrow - 2

Song Sparrow – 21

Lincoln's Sparrow - 1

Swamp Sparrow - 1

White-throated Sparrow – 13

White-crowned Sparrow – 5

Northern Cardinal - 16

Red-winged Blackbird - 145

Eastern Meadowlark – 17

Western Meadowlark - 2

Common Grackle - 2

American Goldfinch - 1

Good birding!

David Arbour De Queen, AR